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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 2023 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.

### July Spotlight

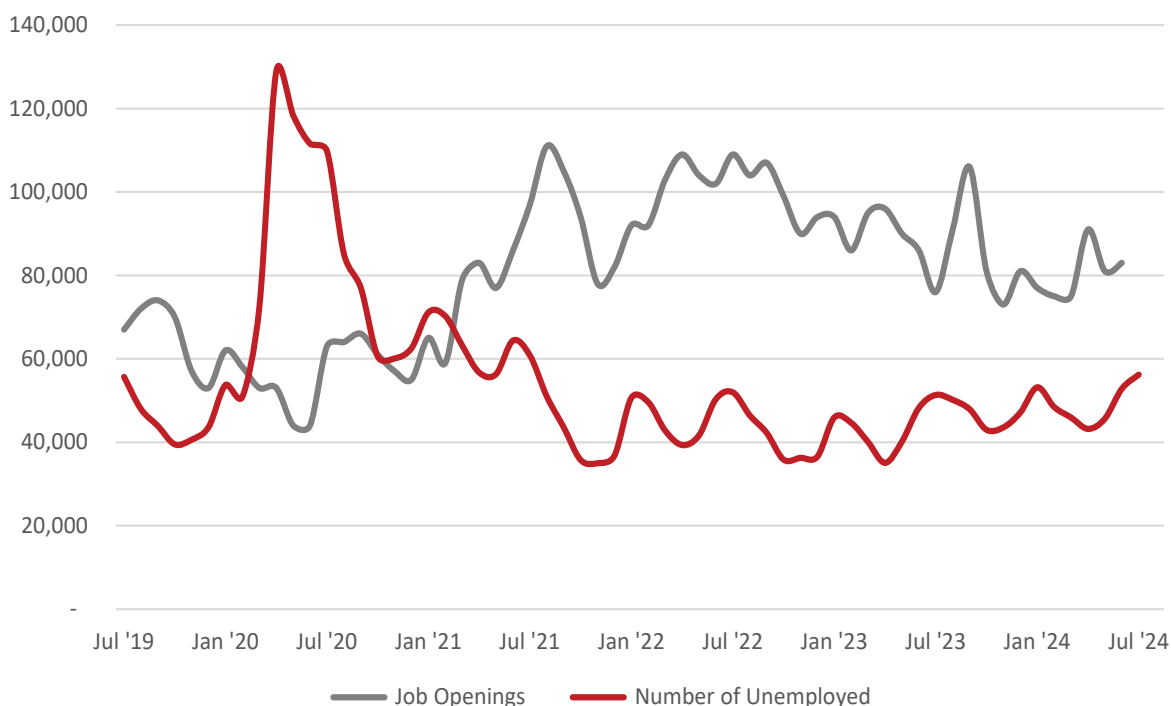
## Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is a monthly survey developed and conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to address the need for data on job openings, hires, and separations. These data serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national and state levels. The availability of unfilled jobs- the job opening rate- is an important measure of the tightness of job markets, parallel to existing measures of unemployment.

Data from a sample of approximately 21,000 US business establishments are collected by BLS monthly. JOLTS collects data on Total Employment, Job Openings, Hires, Quits, Layoffs and Discharges, and Other Separations. While data are available by industry sector at the national level, statewide level data are currently only available as a total figure representing all industry sectors. The most recent data available is for June 2024.

### Job Openings vs Number of Unemployed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas  
July 2019 - July 2024



For more data published from the JOLTS, to learn more about the survey, or to see additional JOLTS publications, please visit the BLS website by clicking [here](#).

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### State of Arkansas

## Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.3% between June and July. The United States' jobless rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point, increasing from 4.1% in June to 4.3% in July.

The size of Arkansas' civilian labor force increased by 5,129 in July, as the number of employed rose 4,918 over-the-month. Civilian labor force and employment both remain at record high levels for a 5th consecutive month, as the labor force participation rate rose to 57.9% in July.

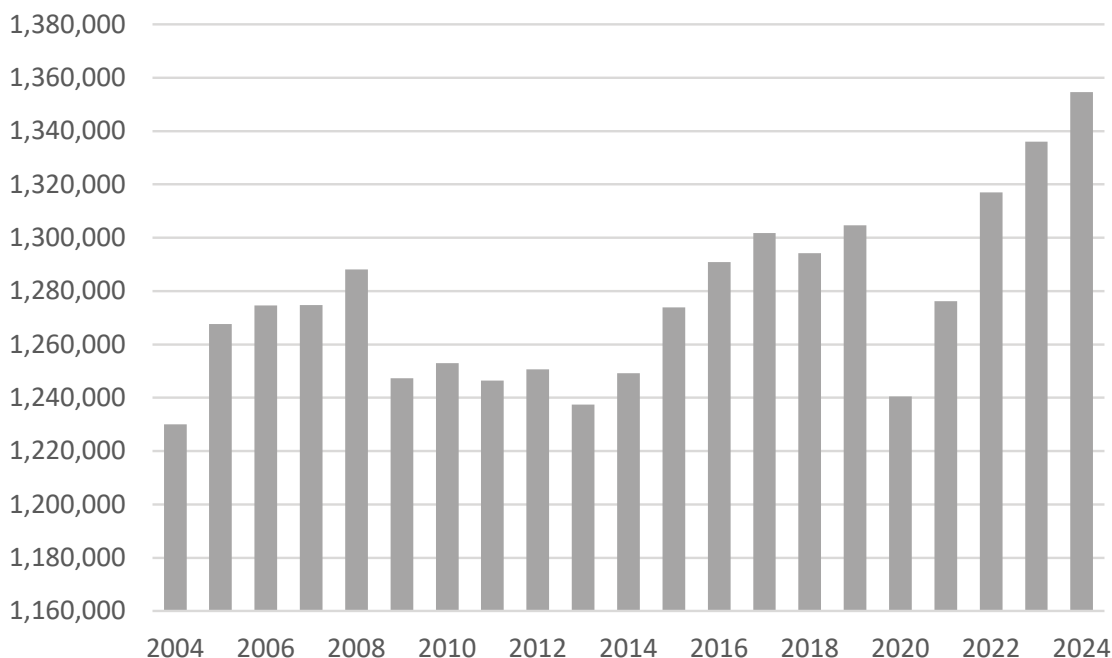
Compared to July 2023, there are 18,622 more employed Arkansans. The civilian labor force is up 20,847, with an additional 2,225 unemployed residents actively looking for work. Arkansas' labor force participation rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point, rising from 57.6% in July 2023 to 57.9% in July 2024.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>		<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,401,412	1,396,283	1,380,565	Civilian Labor Force	1,425,932	1,427,660	1,395,384
Employment	1,354,671	1,349,753	1,336,049	Employment	1,370,079	1,374,743	1,344,027
Unemployment	46,741	46,530	44,516	Unemployment	55,853	52,917	51,357
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%
LF Participation Rate	57.9%	57.7%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	58.9%	59.0%	58.2%

### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

July: 2004 - 2024



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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1362.9	1377.9	1331.5	-15.0	31.4
Goods Producing	235.2	236.5	231.7	-1.3	3.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	72.5	74.0	68.9	-1.5	3.6
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	42.6	43.6	39.9	-1.0	2.7
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>162.5</b>	<b>162.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Durable Goods	77.4	77.6	78.8	-0.2	-1.4
Nondurable Goods	85.3	84.9	84.0	0.4	1.3
Service Providing	1127.7	1141.4	1099.8	-13.7	27.9
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>269.4</b>	<b>269.2</b>	<b>266.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Wholesale Trade	51.4	51.1	52.5	0.3	-1.1
Retail Trade	145.5	145.6	142.5	-0.1	3.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.5	72.5	71.5	0.0	1.0
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Finance & Insurance	57.6	56.8	55.1	0.8	2.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.4	15.3	15.4	0.1	0.0
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>159.4</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>153.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	50.1	51.0	49.5	-0.9	0.6
Management of Companies	39.0	38.9	38.3	0.1	0.7
Administrative & Support Services	70.3	71.2	65.3	-0.9	5.0
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>214.6</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Private Educational Services	16.9	17.3	14.6	-0.4	2.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	197.7	197.6	189.1	0.1	8.6
Ambulatory Health Care	70.3	69.8	65.8	0.5	4.5
Social Assistance	40.0	40.9	38.0	-0.9	2.0
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15.1	14.9	15.0	0.2	0.1
Accommodation & Food Services	117.5	118.0	113.9	-0.5	3.6
Accommodation Services	12.1	12.1	12.3	0.0	-0.2
Food Services	105.4	105.9	101.6	-0.5	3.8
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>198.4</b>	<b>209.4</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Federal Government	21.9	21.8	21.4	0.1	0.5
State Government	71.3	72.8	71.2	-1.5	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	25.2	26.7	25.0	-1.5	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.1	46.1	46.2	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	105.2	114.8	104.0	-9.6	1.2
Local Gov, Educational Services	58.4	68.1	57.6	-9.7	0.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	46.8	46.7	46.4	0.1	0.4

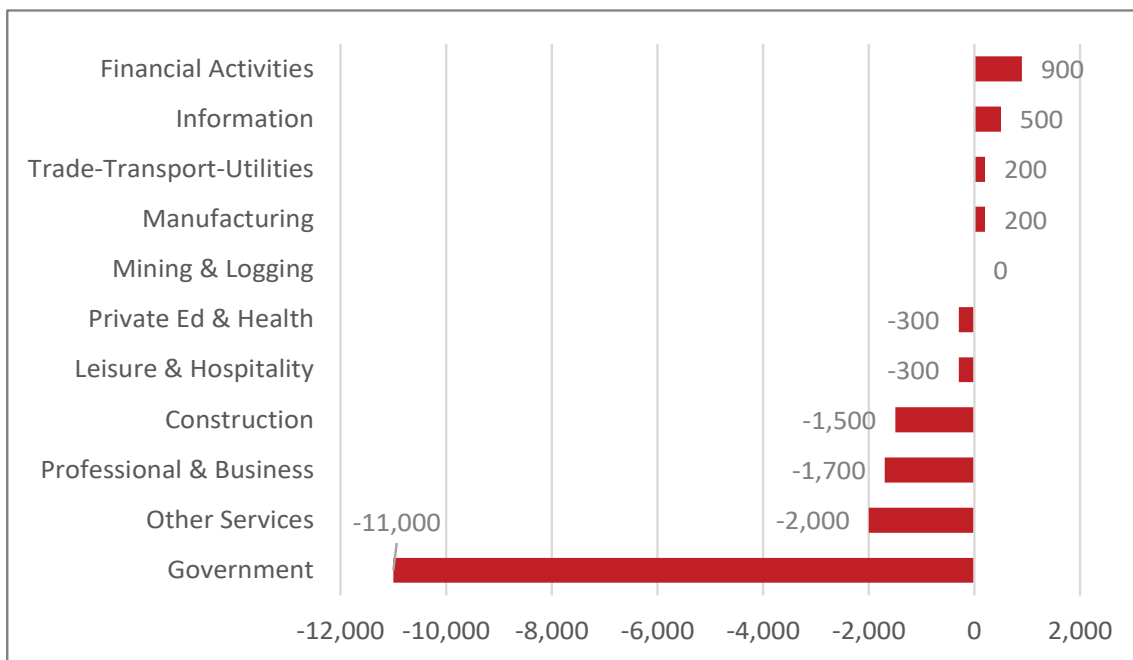


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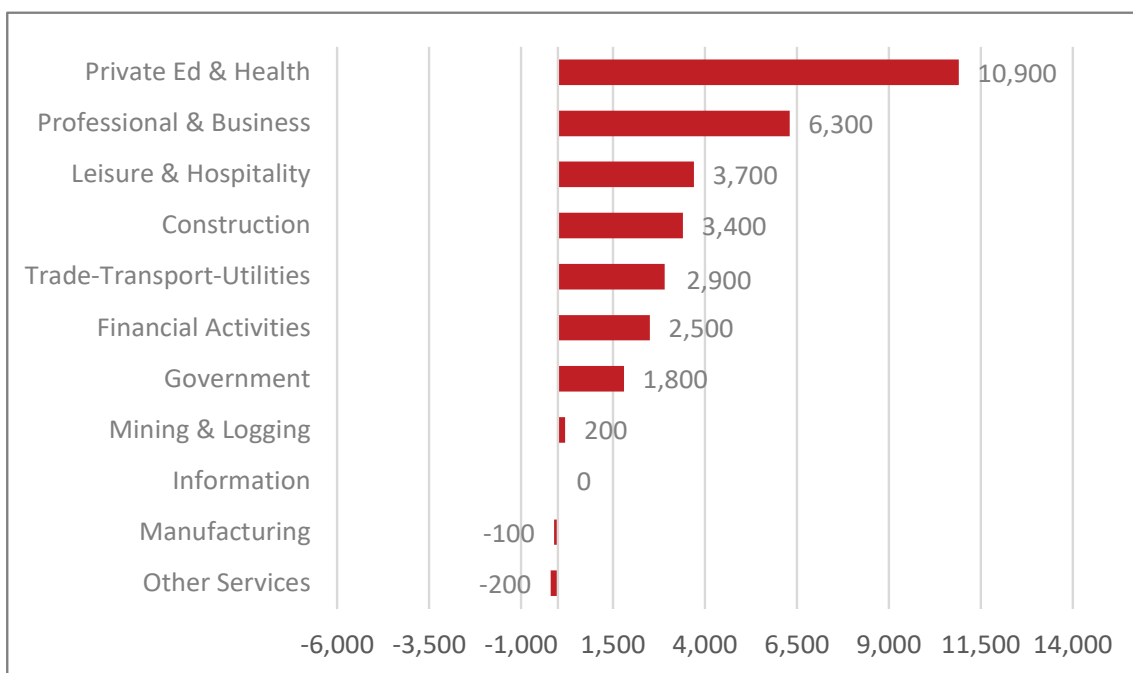
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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
June 2024 - July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
July 2023 - July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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### State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

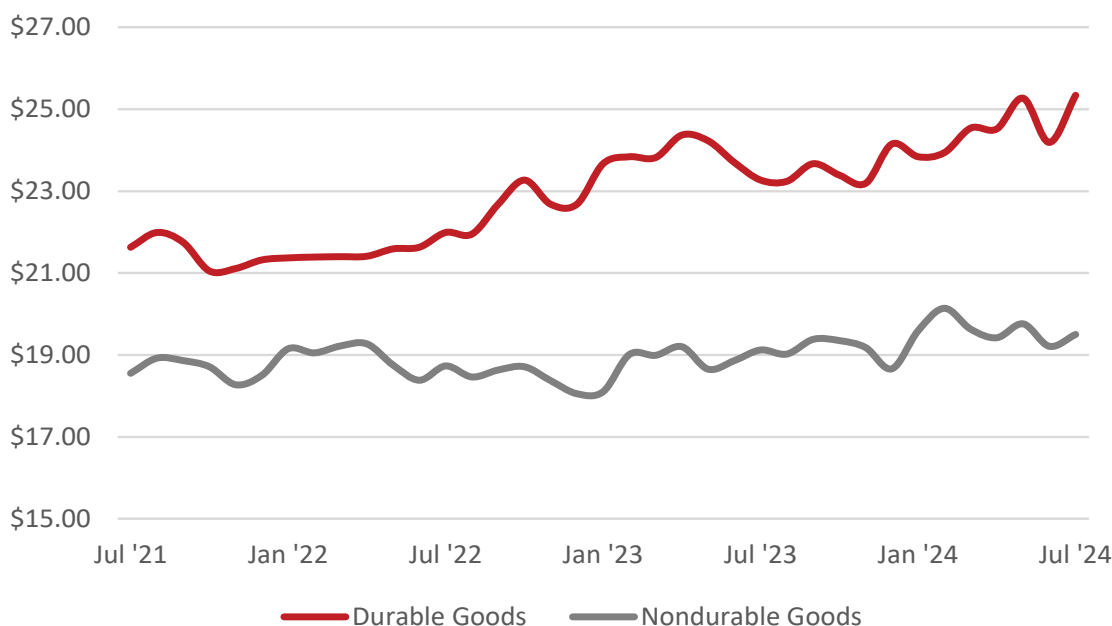
#### Manufacturing

	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.2	38.7	38.6
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.46	\$21.48	\$21.37
Average Weekly Earnings	\$835.51	\$831.28	\$824.88

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>		<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.9	40.9	43.6	Average Weekly Hours	34.7	36.7	33.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.34	\$24.19	\$23.27	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.50	\$19.21	\$19.12
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,011.07	\$989.37	\$1,014.57	Average Weekly Earnings	\$676.65	\$705.01	\$648.17

**Average Hourly Earnings- Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**  
July 2021 - July 2024



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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	387,491	383,196	374,553	4,295	12,938
Employment	373,661	369,999	362,244	3,662	11,417
Unemployment	13,830	13,197	12,309	633	1,521
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%	0.2%	0.3%

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	397.1	400.8	385.4	-3.7	11.7
Goods Producing	43.0	43.1	41.4	-0.1	1.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	22.5	22.6	21.3	-0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	20.5	20.5	20.1	0.0	0.4
Service Providing	354.1	357.7	344.0	-3.6	10.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.0	78.5	77.6	-0.5	0.4
Wholesale Trade	17.7	17.7	17.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	38.6	39.0	38.6	-0.4	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.7	21.8	21.3	-0.1	0.4
Information	5.3	5.2	5.5	0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	28.4	28.1	28.0	0.3	0.4
Professional & Business Services	50.6	51.7	47.7	-1.1	2.9
Private Education & Health Services	66.8	67.2	62.8	-0.4	4.0
Leisure & Hospitality	36.3	36.2	35.5	0.1	0.8
Other Services	20.0	20.1	19.8	-0.1	0.2
Government	68.7	70.7	67.1	-2.0	1.6
Federal Government	10.8	10.7	10.4	0.1	0.4
State Government	32.7	32.9	32.6	-0.2	0.1
Local Government	25.2	27.1	24.1	-1.9	1.1

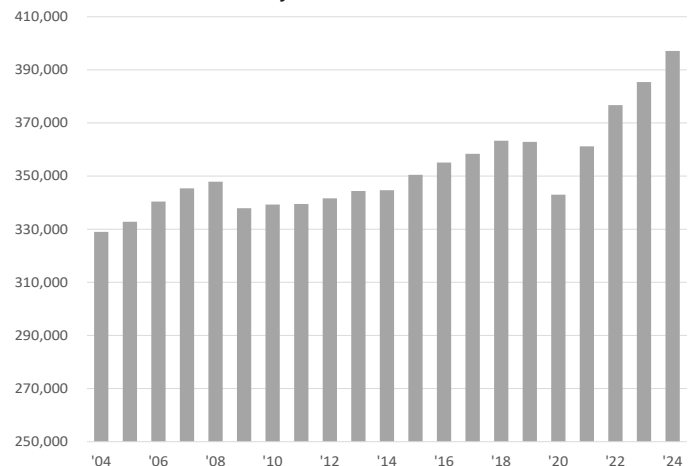
### Employment

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### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2014 - 2024





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

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

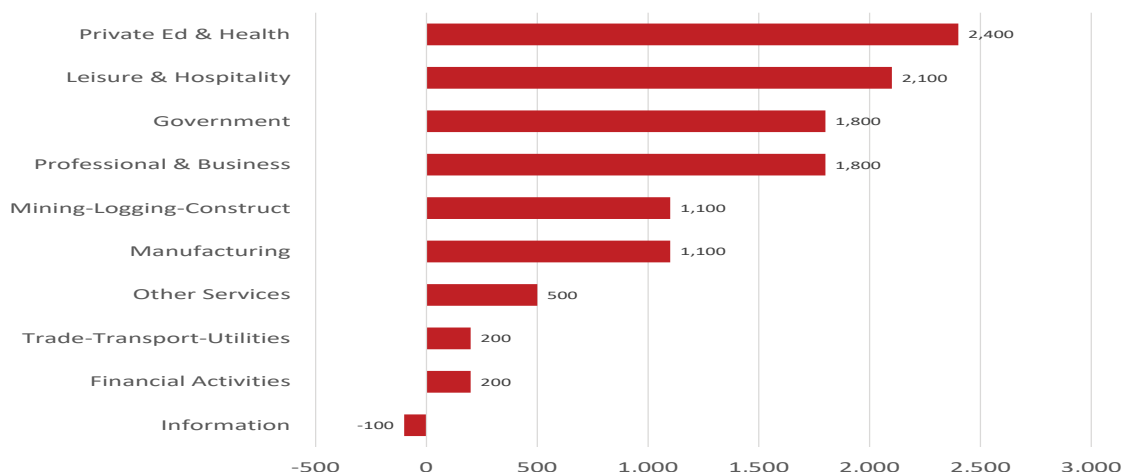
	<b>Jul 24</b>	<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Jul 23</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	328,088	324,315	315,758	3,773	12,330
Employment	318,407	315,109	307,239	3,298	11,168
Unemployment	9,681	9,206	8,519	475	1,162
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.8%	2.7%	0.2%	0.3%

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

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Jul 24</b>	<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Jul 23</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	311.9	314.1	300.8	-2.2	11.1
Goods Producing	49.3	49.3	47.1	0.0	2.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.0	18.1	16.9	-0.1	1.1
Manufacturing	31.3	31.2	30.2	0.1	1.1
Service Providing	262.6	264.8	253.7	-2.2	8.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.9	63.0	62.7	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	13.9	13.9	14.3	0.0	-0.4
Retail Trade	29.7	29.9	29.1	-0.2	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.3	19.2	19.3	0.1	0.0
Information	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	12.7	12.6	12.5	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	60.4	60.4	58.6	0.0	1.8
Private Education & Health Services	37.2	37.3	34.8	-0.1	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	33.1	33.2	31.0	-0.1	2.1
Other Services	14.0	14.0	13.5	0.0	0.5
Government	40.0	42.0	38.2	-2.0	1.8
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
State Government	17.6	17.9	16.4	-0.3	1.2
Local Government	19.2	20.9	18.7	-1.7	0.5

#### Job Change by Major Industry Sector July 2023 vs July 2024



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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Fort Smith MSA

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

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

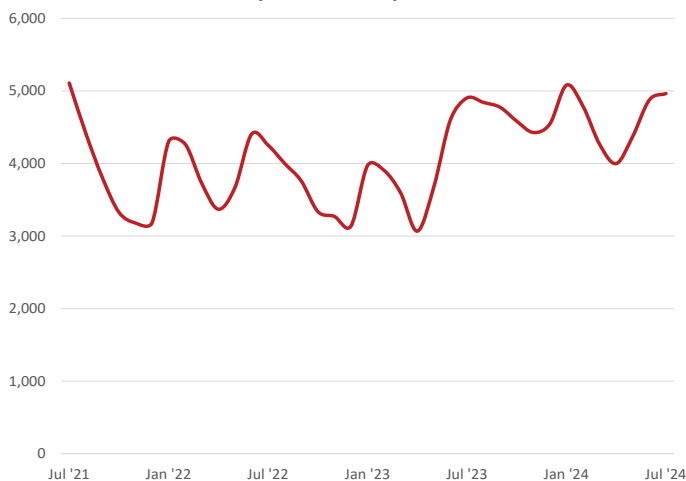
	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	123,930	124,031	121,500	-101	2,430
Employment	118,966	119,155	116,596	-189	2,370
Unemployment	4,964	4,876	4,904	88	60
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	0.1%	0.0%

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

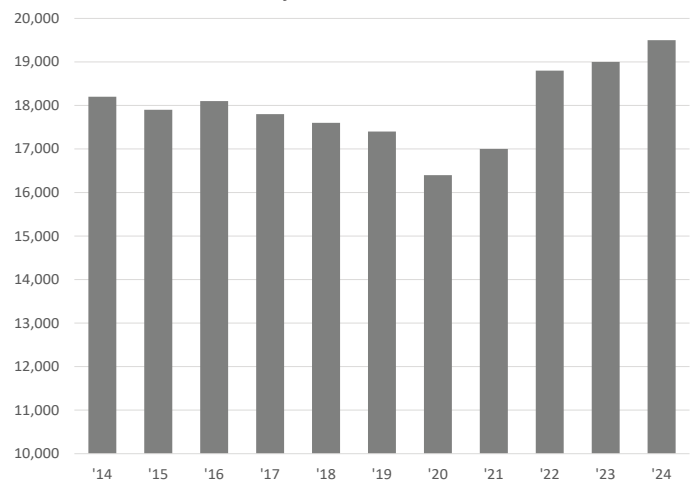
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	116.3	118.5	113.6	-2.2	2.7
Goods Producing	25.8	25.8	24.9	0.0	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	6.3	6.3	5.9	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	19.5	19.5	19.0	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	90.5	92.7	88.7	-2.2	1.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.0	24.1	23.9	-0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.9	13.0	13.0	-0.1	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.4	0.0	0.2
Information	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.9	4.8	4.8	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.9	12.0	11.3	-0.1	0.6
Private Education & Health Services	19.2	19.3	18.3	-0.1	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	10.8	10.7	10.3	0.1	0.5
Other Services	4.0	4.1	4.0	-0.1	0.0
Government	14.3	16.3	14.6	-2.0	-0.3
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	10.9	12.9	11.1	-2.0	-0.2

**Unemployment**  
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**Jobs in Manufacturing**  
July: 2014 - 2024



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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,940	42,433	42,678	507	262
Employment	41,157	40,680	40,925	477	232
Unemployment	1,783	1,753	1,753	30	30
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	0.1%	0.1%

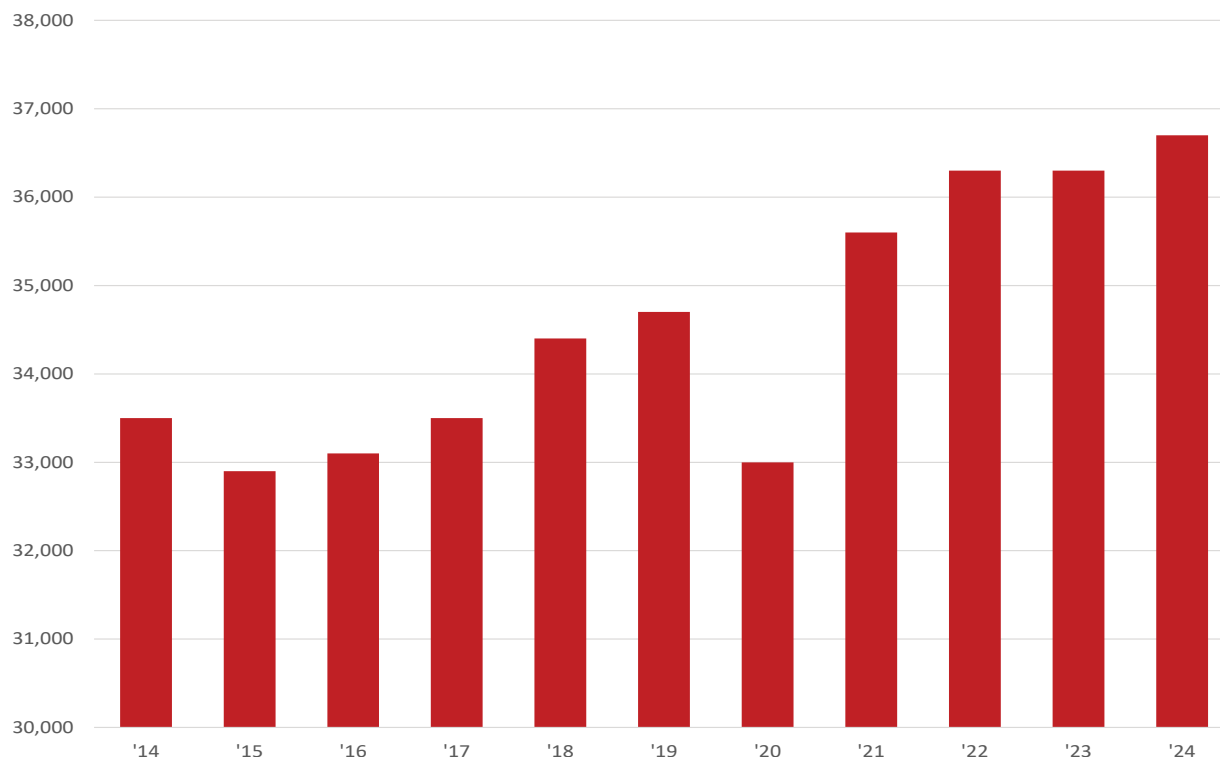
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.1	41.3	40.8	-0.2	0.3
Goods Producing	4.4	4.5	4.5	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	36.7	36.8	36.3	-0.1	0.4
Government	4.1	4.3	4.0	-0.2	0.1

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July: 2014 - 2014





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	70,676	69,873	68,642	803	2,034
Employment	68,188	67,541	66,447	647	1,741
Unemployment	2,488	2,332	2,195	156	293
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.3%	3.2%	0.2%	0.3%

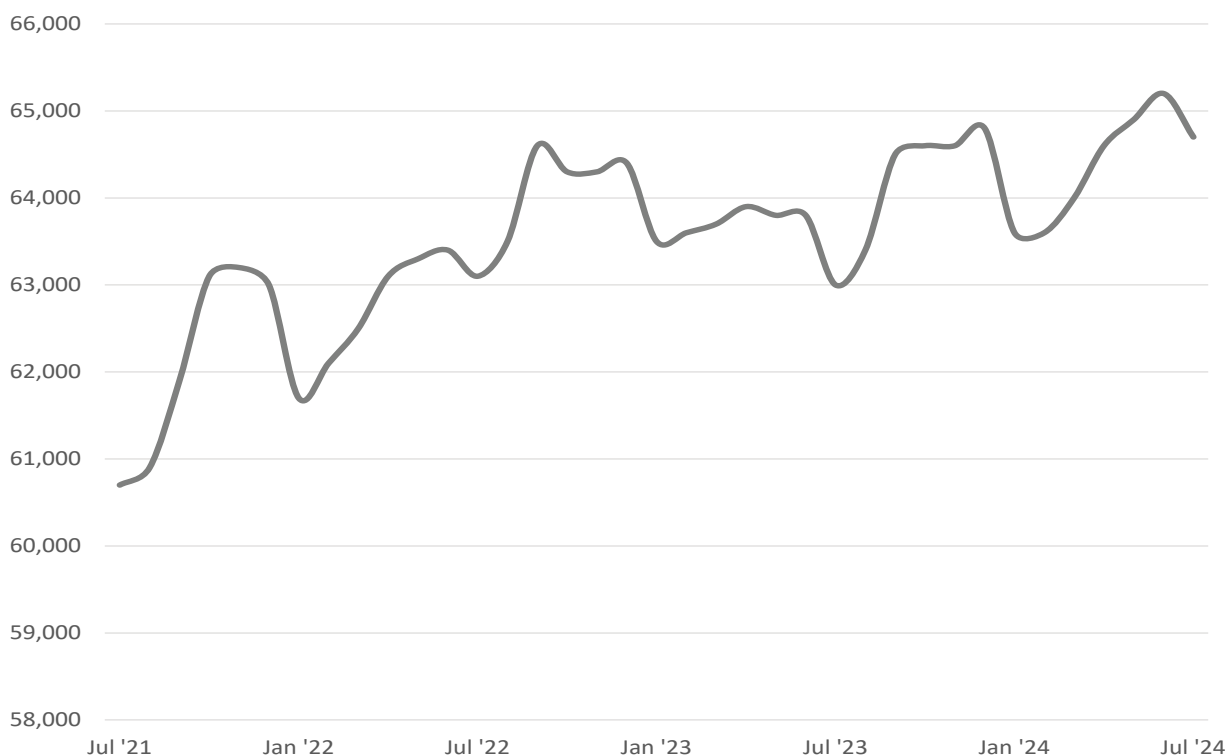
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.7	65.2	63.0	-0.5	1.7
Goods Producing	11.7	11.8	11.6	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	53.0	53.4	51.4	-0.4	1.6
Government	8.7	9.0	8.6	-0.3	0.1

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,885	32,841	32,444	44	441
Employment	31,037	31,175	30,781	-138	256
Unemployment	1,848	1,666	1,663	182	185
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.1%	5.1%	0.5%	0.5%

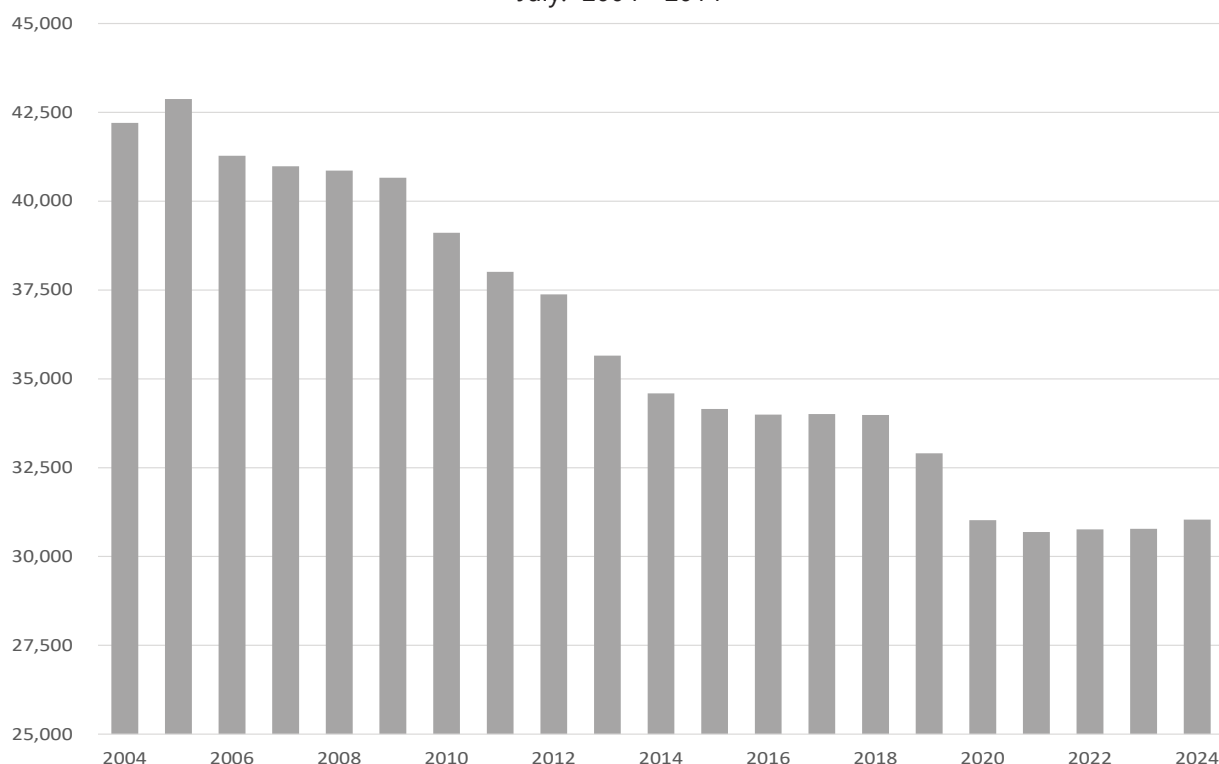
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	30.9	31.5	30.6	-0.6	0.3
Goods Producing	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	25.5	26.1	25.2	-0.6	0.3
Government	7.9	8.4	8.1	-0.5	-0.2

#### Employment

July: 2004 - 2014



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### 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.

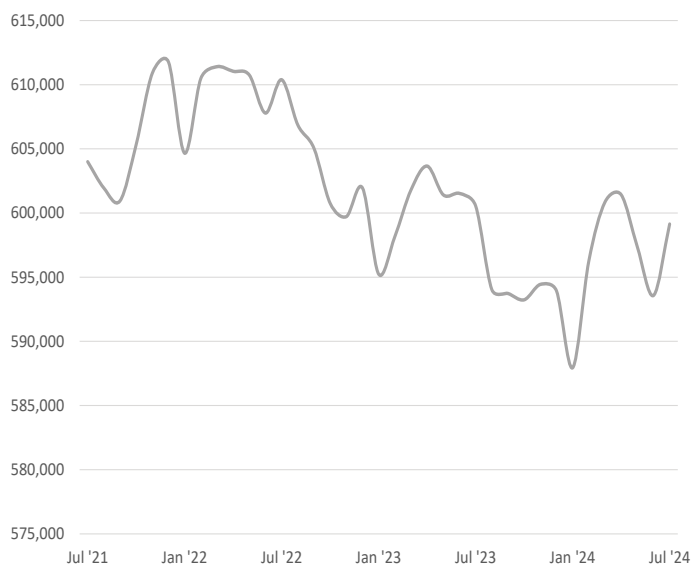
	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	627,986	622,404	628,313	5,582	-327
Employment	599,143	593,580	600,555	5,563	-1,412
Unemployment	28,843	28,824	27,758	19	1,085
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	0.0%	0.2%

#### Texarkana MSA

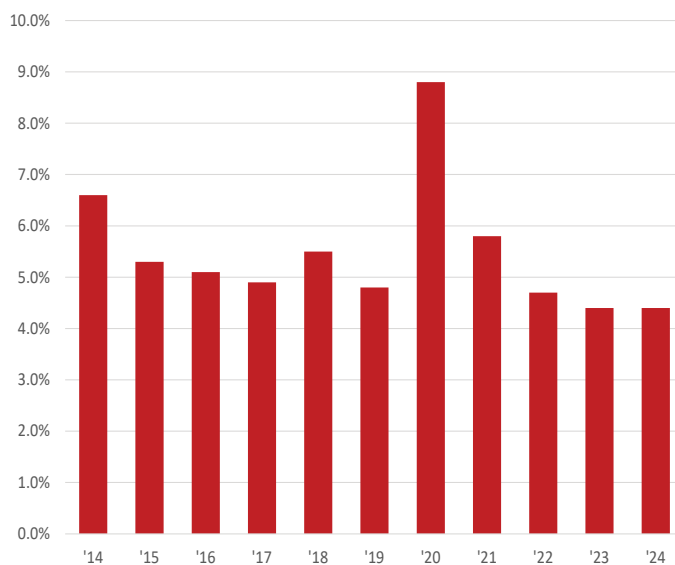
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,590	63,531	63,003	59	587
Employment	60,774	60,649	60,258	125	516
Unemployment	2,816	2,882	2,745	-66	71
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%	-0.1%	0.0%

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
July 2021 - July 2024



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
July: 2014 - 2024





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### Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Micro Area	July 2024				June 2024				July 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,585	8,078	507	5.9	8,643	8,186	457	5.3	8,427	7,926	501	5.9
Batesville Micro	16,922	16,297	625	3.7	17,175	16,574	601	3.5	16,996	16,284	712	4.2
Blytheville Micro	17,996	16,874	1,122	6.2	17,991	17,012	979	5.4	16,999	15,923	1,076	6.3
Camden Micro	11,918	11,382	536	4.5	12,254	11,743	511	4.2	11,839	11,371	468	4.0
El Dorado Micro	14,788	13,866	922	6.2	15,164	14,319	845	5.6	14,718	13,938	780	5.3
Forrest City Micro	7,579	7,082	497	6.6	7,687	7,222	465	6.0	7,637	7,200	437	5.7
Harrison Micro	18,757	17,998	759	4.0	19,322	18,589	733	3.8	18,988	18,298	690	3.6
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,018	4,666	352	7.0	5,329	5,010	319	6.0	5,093	4,718	375	7.4
Hope Micro	11,918	11,375	543	4.6	12,387	11,867	520	4.2	12,337	11,812	525	4.3
Magnolia Micro	8,277	7,827	450	5.4	8,681	8,273	408	4.7	8,168	7,733	435	5.3
Malvern Micro	14,132	13,509	623	4.4	14,125	13,532	593	4.2	13,963	13,376	587	4.2
Mountain Home Micro	17,103	16,350	753	4.4	17,349	16,611	738	4.3	17,076	16,409	667	3.9
Paragould Micro	19,830	19,009	821	4.1	20,032	19,241	791	3.9	19,789	19,072	717	3.6
Russellville Micro	36,443	34,630	1,813	5.0	37,229	35,607	1,622	4.4	36,327	34,555	1,772	4.9
Searcy Micro	34,500	33,023	1,477	4.3	35,183	33,788	1,395	4.0	33,416	32,100	1,316	3.9

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	July 2024				June 2024				July 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	14,100	13,610	490	3.5	13,959	13,463	496	3.6	13,599	13,122	477	3.5
Benton	19,304	18,663	641	3.3	19,085	18,469	616	3.2	18,703	18,088	615	3.3
Bentonville	34,242	33,284	958	2.8	33,859	32,923	936	2.8	32,914	32,089	825	2.5
Blytheville	6,115	5,648	467	7.6	6,102	5,695	407	6.7	5,823	5,330	493	8.5
Cabot	12,995	12,566	429	3.3	12,867	12,481	386	3.0	12,560	12,205	355	2.8
Conway	37,428	36,180	1,248	3.3	37,011	35,837	1,174	3.2	36,232	35,096	1,136	3.1
El Dorado	6,380	5,967	413	6.5	6,571	6,162	409	6.2	6,363	5,998	365	5.7
Fayetteville	55,939	54,254	1,685	3.0	55,210	53,668	1,542	2.8	53,873	52,334	1,539	2.9
Fort Smith	40,259	38,698	1,561	3.9	40,171	38,688	1,483	3.7	39,499	37,786	1,713	4.3
Hot Springs	15,953	15,230	723	4.5	15,787	15,054	733	4.6	15,842	15,145	697	4.4
Jacksonville	12,645	12,044	601	4.8	12,431	11,917	514	4.1	12,136	11,669	467	3.8
Jonesboro	42,644	41,112	1,532	3.6	42,094	40,679	1,415	3.4	41,361	40,037	1,324	3.2
Little Rock	105,183	101,080	4,103	3.9	103,904	100,021	3,883	3.7	101,522	97,935	3,587	3.5
North Little Rock	32,367	31,083	1,284	4.0	32,026	30,757	1,269	4.0	31,307	30,116	1,191	3.8
Paragould	12,605	12,081	524	4.2	12,746	12,228	518	4.1	12,598	12,121	477	3.8
Pine Bluff	15,452	14,433	1,019	6.6	15,368	14,471	897	5.8	15,219	14,293	926	6.1
Rogers	41,916	40,833	1,083	2.6	41,437	40,390	1,047	2.5	40,328	39,368	960	2.4
Russellville	13,119	12,479	640	4.9	13,374	12,812	562	4.2	13,070	12,441	629	4.8
Searcy	10,460	9,972	488	4.7	10,631	10,203	428	4.0	10,089	9,694	395	3.9
Sherwood	17,534	16,963	571	3.3	17,357	16,785	572	3.3	16,946	16,435	511	3.0
Springdale	44,574	43,329	1,245	2.8	44,036	42,860	1,176	2.7	42,836	41,794	1,042	2.4
Texarkana, AR	13,223	12,612	611	4.6	13,106	12,525	581	4.4	13,155	12,549	606	4.6
Van Buren	10,722	10,340	382	3.6	10,732	10,354	378	3.5	10,592	10,104	488	4.6
West Memphis	10,321	9,672	649	6.3	10,074	9,523	551	5.5	10,281	9,713	568	5.5

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County	July 2024				June 2024				July 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,802	8,506	296	3.4	8,833	8,547	286	3.2	9,305	9,044	261	2.8
Ashley	6,728	6,275	453	6.7	7,001	6,590	411	5.9	6,392	5,968	424	6.6
Baxter	17,103	16,350	753	4.4	17,349	16,611	738	4.3	17,076	16,409	667	3.9
Benton	163,498	158,795	4,703	2.9	161,622	157,072	4,550	2.8	157,343	153,095	4,248	2.7
Boone	15,614	14,989	625	4.0	16,076	15,471	605	3.8	15,787	15,227	560	3.5
Bradley	3,978	3,782	196	4.9	4,194	4,015	179	4.3	4,000	3,797	203	5.1
Calhoun	2,336	2,253	83	3.6	2,427	2,336	91	3.7	2,327	2,258	69	3.0
Carroll	12,537	12,080	457	3.6	12,890	12,442	448	3.5	12,451	12,078	373	3.0
Chicot	2,895	2,699	196	6.8	2,923	2,739	184	6.3	2,945	2,758	187	6.3
Clark	8,585	8,078	507	5.9	8,643	8,186	457	5.3	8,427	7,926	501	5.9
Clay	5,401	5,155	246	4.6	5,572	5,324	248	4.5	5,472	5,224	248	4.5
Cleburne	9,135	8,698	437	4.8	9,386	8,967	419	4.5	9,208	8,829	379	4.1
Cleveland	3,118	2,979	139	4.5	3,144	3,010	134	4.3	3,091	2,968	123	4.0
Columbia	8,277	7,827	450	5.4	8,681	8,273	408	4.7	8,168	7,733	435	5.3
Conway	8,501	8,134	367	4.3	8,660	8,305	355	4.1	8,361	7,996	365	4.4
Craighead	60,257	58,216	2,041	3.4	59,518	57,603	1,915	3.2	58,519	56,694	1,825	3.1
Crawford	27,520	26,464	1,056	3.8	27,523	26,498	1,025	3.7	26,949	25,859	1,090	4.0
Crittenden	20,978	19,819	1,159	5.5	20,513	19,515	998	4.9	20,963	19,903	1,060	5.1
Cross	6,993	6,690	303	4.3	7,204	6,915	289	4.0	6,976	6,721	255	3.7
Dallas	2,704	2,581	123	4.5	2,744	2,627	117	4.3	2,651	2,536	115	4.3
Desha	4,829	4,497	332	6.9	4,954	4,653	301	6.1	4,964	4,690	274	5.5
Drew	7,149	6,780	369	5.2	7,452	7,106	346	4.6	7,134	6,777	357	5.0
Faulkner	67,939	65,716	2,223	3.3	67,227	65,093	2,134	3.2	65,795	63,748	2,047	3.1
Franklin	7,519	7,225	294	3.9	7,712	7,431	281	3.6	7,408	7,142	266	3.6
Fulton	4,303	4,103	200	4.6	4,604	4,400	204	4.4	4,416	4,213	203	4.6
Garland	42,940	41,157	1,783	4.2	42,433	40,680	1,753	4.1	42,678	40,925	1,753	4.1
Grant	9,092	8,789	303	3.3	9,021	8,726	295	3.3	8,819	8,523	296	3.4
Greene	19,830	19,009	821	4.1	20,032	19,241	791	3.9	19,789	19,072	717	3.6
Hempstead	8,718	8,331	387	4.4	9,068	8,698	370	4.1	9,022	8,652	370	4.1
Hot Spring	14,132	13,509	623	4.4	14,125	13,532	593	4.2	13,963	13,376	587	4.2
Howard	4,928	4,722	206	4.2	5,076	4,872	204	4.0	5,379	5,166	213	4.0
Independence	16,922	16,297	625	3.7	17,175	16,574	601	3.5	16,996	16,284	712	4.2
Izard	4,625	4,355	270	5.8	4,795	4,541	254	5.3	4,373	4,107	266	6.1
Jackson	5,387	5,114	273	5.1	5,580	5,325	255	4.6	5,479	5,157	322	5.9
Jefferson	26,007	24,512	1,495	5.7	25,908	24,576	1,332	5.1	25,645	24,273	1,372	5.3
Johnson	9,477	8,858	619	6.5	9,909	9,354	555	5.6	9,637	9,154	483	5.0
Lafayette	2,086	1,959	127	6.1	2,210	2,087	123	5.6	2,106	1,981	125	5.9
Lawrence	6,560	6,281	279	4.3	6,821	6,544	277	4.1	6,546	6,291	255	3.9
Lee	2,488	2,346	142	5.7	2,563	2,426	137	5.3	2,564	2,415	149	5.8
Lincoln	3,760	3,546	214	5.7	3,789	3,589	200	5.3	3,708	3,540	168	4.5
Little River	5,341	5,127	214	4.0	5,308	5,088	220	4.1	5,286	5,089	197	3.7
Logan	8,273	7,890	383	4.6	8,544	8,177	367	4.3	8,237	7,826	411	5.0
Lonoke	36,823	35,622	1,201	3.3	36,521	35,381	1,140	3.1	35,660	34,599	1,061	3.0
Madison	8,314	8,058	256	3.1	8,315	8,058	257	3.1	8,061	7,839	222	2.8
Marion	6,024	5,737	287	4.8	6,218	5,924	294	4.7	6,083	5,787	296	4.9
Miller	19,265	18,436	829	4.3	19,107	18,308	799	4.2	19,156	18,344	812	4.2

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	July 2024				June 2024				July 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,996	16,874	1,122	6.2	17,991	17,012	979	5.4	16,999	15,923	1,076	6.3
Monroe	2,462	2,315	147	6.0	2,519	2,390	129	5.1	2,537	2,436	101	4.0
Montgomery	2,923	2,761	162	5.5	3,155	2,993	162	5.1	2,967	2,807	160	5.4
Nevada	3,200	3,044	156	4.9	3,319	3,169	150	4.5	3,315	3,160	155	4.7
Newton	3,143	3,009	134	4.3	3,246	3,118	128	3.9	3,201	3,071	130	4.1
Ouachita	9,582	9,129	453	4.7	9,827	9,407	420	4.3	9,512	9,113	399	4.2
Perry	4,533	4,344	189	4.2	4,499	4,319	180	4.0	4,399	4,231	168	3.8
Phillips	5,018	4,666	352	7.0	5,329	5,010	319	6.0	5,093	4,718	375	7.4
Pike	3,962	3,779	183	4.6	4,242	4,061	181	4.3	3,937	3,775	162	4.1
Poinsett	10,419	9,972	447	4.3	10,355	9,938	417	4.0	10,123	9,753	370	3.7
Polk	7,533	7,154	379	5.0	7,872	7,516	356	4.5	7,621	7,304	317	4.2
Pope	28,357	26,943	1,414	5.0	28,921	27,663	1,258	4.3	28,268	26,861	1,407	5.0
Prairie	3,465	3,343	122	3.5	3,617	3,495	122	3.4	3,538	3,416	122	3.4
Pulaski	204,359	196,525	7,834	3.8	201,902	194,466	7,436	3.7	197,269	190,410	6,859	3.5
Randolph	7,220	6,887	333	4.6	7,397	7,076	321	4.3	7,040	6,755	285	4.0
St. Francis	7,579	7,082	497	6.6	7,687	7,222	465	6.0	7,637	7,200	437	5.7
Saline	64,745	62,665	2,080	3.2	64,026	62,014	2,012	3.1	62,611	60,733	1,878	3.0
Scott	4,379	4,217	162	3.7	4,547	4,385	162	3.6	4,423	4,269	154	3.5
Searcy	2,760	2,618	142	5.1	2,979	2,839	140	4.7	2,876	2,734	142	4.9
Sebastian	57,930	55,747	2,183	3.8	57,835	55,732	2,103	3.6	56,711	54,433	2,278	4.0
Sevier	5,521	5,264	257	4.7	5,630	5,392	238	4.2	5,462	5,231	231	4.2
Sharp	5,965	5,682	283	4.7	6,168	5,886	282	4.6	5,916	5,669	247	4.2
Stone	4,613	4,396	217	4.7	4,757	4,549	208	4.4	4,765	4,560	205	4.3
Union	14,788	13,866	922	6.2	15,164	14,319	845	5.6	14,718	13,938	780	5.3
Van Buren	5,986	5,699	287	4.8	6,194	5,919	275	4.4	5,994	5,747	247	4.1
Washington	144,406	140,345	4,061	2.8	142,642	138,828	3,814	2.7	138,943	135,377	3,566	2.6
White	34,500	33,023	1,477	4.3	35,183	33,788	1,395	4.0	33,416	32,100	1,316	3.9
Woodruff	2,807	2,694	113	4.0	2,971	2,860	111	3.7	2,722	2,616	106	3.9
Yell	8,086	7,687	399	4.9	8,308	7,944	364	4.4	8,059	7,694	365	4.5

### County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Jobless rates declined in two counties (Calhoun and Little River) and remained stable in two counties (Grant and Madison). Rates ranged from a low of 2.8% in Washington County to a high of 7.0% in Phillips County.

In July, two counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. For the first time in six months, one county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

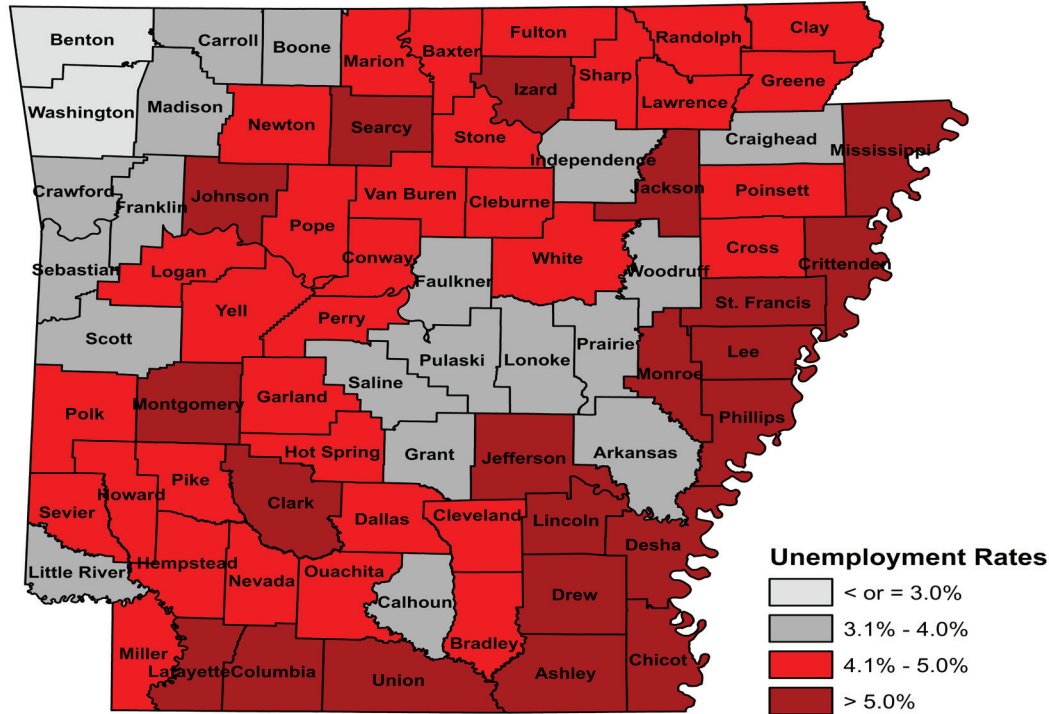
Compared to July 2023, jobless rates are up in 59 Arkansas counties. Rates are down in 13 counties while three counties were the same as last July. Monroe County posted the largest annual rate increase, up from 4.0% in July 2023 to 6.0% in July 2024. The largest rate decline was in Jackson County, down eight-tenths of a percentage point. Clark, Fulton, and Pope counties were all three unchanged over-the-year.



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### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.8	26	Conway	4.3	50	Nevada	4.9
2	Benton	2.9	26	Cross	4.3	50	Yell	4.9
3	Madison	3.1	26	Lawrence	4.3	53	Polk	5.0
4	Saline	3.2	26	Miller	4.3	53	Pope	5.0
5	Faulkner	3.3	26	Newton	4.3	55	Jackson	5.1
5	Grant	3.3	26	Poinsett	4.3	55	Searcy	5.1
5	Lonoke	3.3	26	White	4.3	57	Drew	5.2
8	Arkansas	3.4	33	Baxter	4.4	58	Columbia	5.4
8	Craighead	3.4	33	Hempstead	4.4	59	Crittenden	5.5
10	Prairie	3.5	33	Hot Spring	4.4	59	Montgomery	5.5
11	Calhoun	3.6	36	Cleveland	4.5	61	Jefferson	5.7
11	Carroll	3.6	36	Dallas	4.5	61	Lee	5.7
13	Independence	3.7	38	Clay	4.6	61	Lincoln	5.7
13	Scott	3.7	38	Fulton	4.6	64	Izard	5.8
15	Crawford	3.8	38	Logan	4.6	65	Clark	5.9
15	Pulaski	3.8	38	Pike	4.6	66	Monroe	6.0
15	Sebastian	3.8	38	Randolph	4.6	67	Lafayette	6.1
18	Franklin	3.9	43	Ouachita	4.7	68	Mississippi	6.2
19	Boone	4.0	43	Sevier	4.7	68	Union	6.2
19	Little River	4.0	43	Sharp	4.7	70	Johnson	6.5
19	Woodruff	4.0	43	Stone	4.7	71	St. Francis	6.6
22	Greene	4.1	47	Cleburne	4.8	72	Ashley	6.7
23	Garland	4.2	47	Marion	4.8	73	Chicot	6.8
23	Howard	4.2	47	Van Buren	4.8	74	Desha	6.9
23	Perry	4.2	50	Bradley	4.9	75	Phillips	7.0

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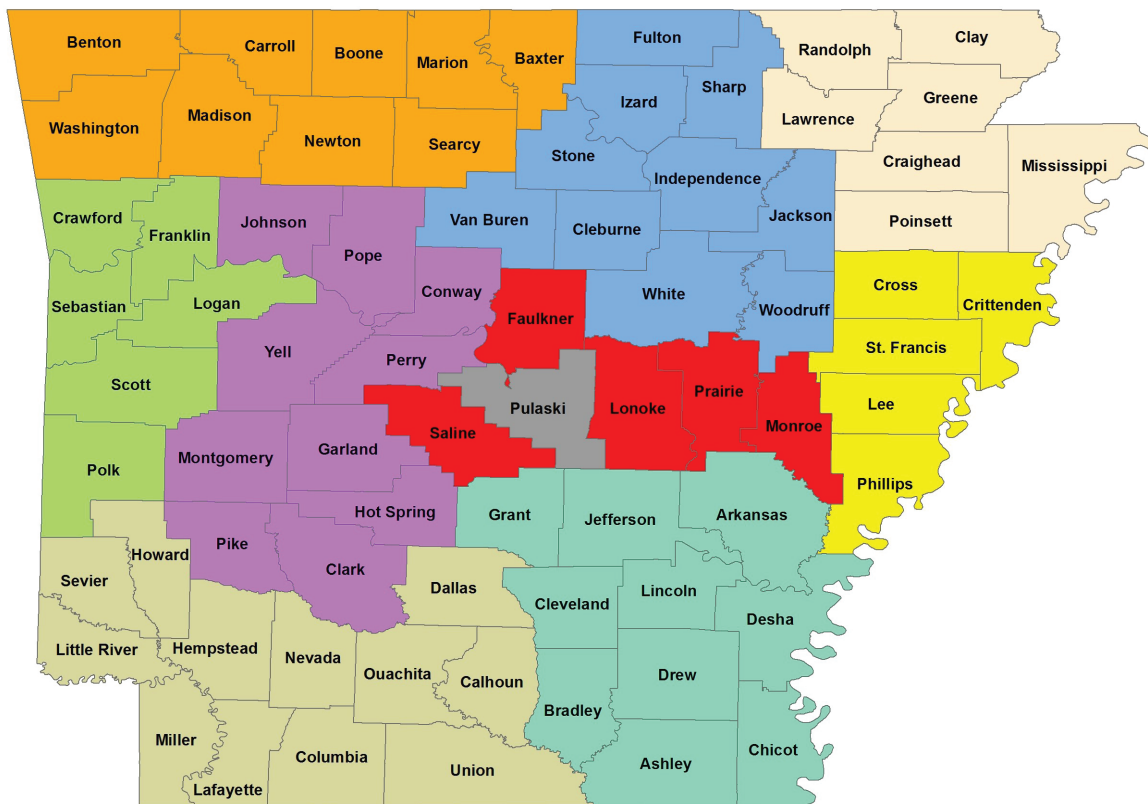
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### Local Workforce Development Areas

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	July 2024				June 2024				July 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	274,610	265,106	9,504	3.5	271,908	262,818	9,090	3.3	265,888	257,407	8,481	3.2
City of Little Rock	105,183	101,080	4,103	3.9	103,904	100,021	3,883	3.7	101,522	97,935	3,587	3.5
Eastern	43,056	40,603	2,453	5.7	43,296	41,088	2,208	5.1	43,233	40,957	2,276	5.3
North Central	94,243	90,061	4,182	4.4	96,813	92,809	4,004	4.1	93,285	89,282	4,003	4.3
Northeast	127,683	122,394	5,289	4.1	127,686	122,738	4,948	3.9	124,488	119,712	4,776	3.8
Northwest	373,399	361,981	11,418	3.1	371,337	360,363	10,974	3.0	361,821	351,617	10,204	2.8
Southeast	76,358	72,365	3,993	5.2	77,219	73,551	3,668	4.8	76,003	72,338	3,665	4.8
Southwest	86,746	82,539	4,207	4.8	88,561	84,576	3,985	4.5	87,102	83,201	3,901	4.5
West Central	131,496	125,250	6,246	4.7	132,895	127,037	5,858	4.4	130,696	124,745	5,951	4.6
Western	113,154	108,697	4,457	3.9	114,033	109,739	4,294	3.8	111,349	106,833	4,516	4.1



Central	Northeast	West Central
City of Little Rock/Pulaski County	Northwest	Western
Eastern	Southeast	
North Central	Southwest	