**Arkansas**



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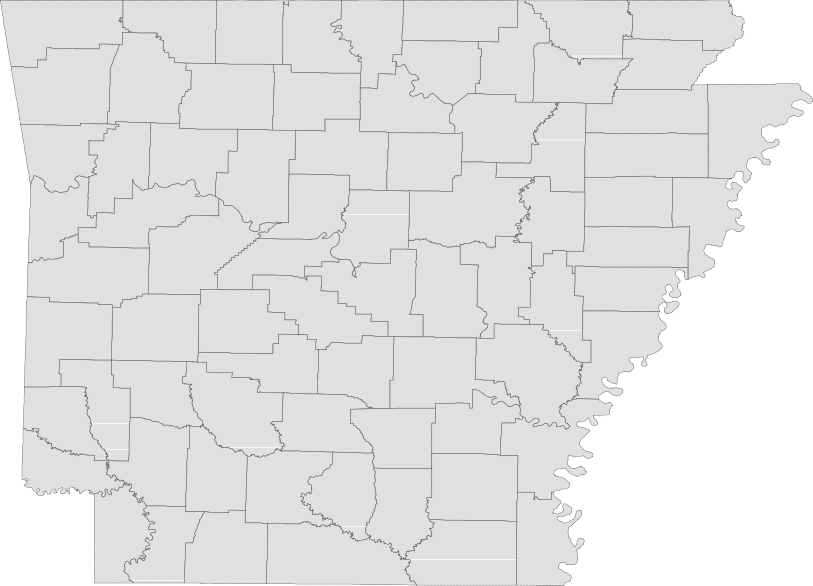
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**July**

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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment 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 classifi according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2017 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specifi criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

###### Current Population Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

###### Civilian Labor Force

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

###### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**July Spotlight**

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census

Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Average of 3rd Q 2017 - 2nd Q 2018

is an average of 3rd Quarter 2017-2nd Quarter 2018.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **U-1** | **U-2** | **U-3** | **U-4** | **U-5** | **U-6** |
| 1.2% | 1.9% | 3.8% | 4.2% | 4.9% | 7.8% |

The following definitions are used to calculate each

measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
  2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
  3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
  4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
  5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

9.0

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

##### State of Arkansas Three-Year Comparison

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 3rd Q '15 - 2nd Q '16 3rd Q '16 - 2nd Q '17 3rd Q '17 - 2nd Q '18

## 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 Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in June to 3.7 percent in July. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 857, a result of 1,309 fewer unemployed and 452 more employed Arkan- sans. The United States’ jobless rate declined from 4.0 percent in June to 3.9 percent in July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined to 3.7 per- cent in July, pushed down by the decrease in the number of unemployed. The drop in the unemploy- ment rate this month mirrors the trend seen at the national level.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Jul 18**  1,348,409 | **Jun 18**  1,349,266 | **Jul 17**  1,356,874 | Civilian Labor Force | **Jul 18**  1,363,795 | **Jun 18**  1,364,026 | **Jul 17**  1,373,322 |
| Employment | 1,298,862 | 1,298,410 | 1,306,789 | Employment | 1,311,871 | 1,310,090 | 1,316,242 |
| Unemployment | 49,547 | 50,856 | 50,085 | Unemployment | 51,924 | 53,936 | 57,080 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.3 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 |

1,340,000

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

##### July 2015 - July 2018

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

July '15 Jan '16 July '16 Jan '17 July '17 Jan '18 July '18 Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Jul 18**

**Jun 18**

**Jul 17**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1237.9 | 1250.9 | 1223.2 | -13.0 | 14.7 |
| **Goods Producing** | 220.7 | 218.3 | 215.4 | 2.4 | 5.3 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 59.4 | 58.2 | 57.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Construction** | **53.9** | **52.7** | **51.9** | **1.2** | **2.0** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 32.9 | 32.2 | 32.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.3** | **160.1** | **157.5** | **1.2** | **3.8** |
| **Durable Goods** | 75.8 | 76.1 | 74.9 | -0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 85.5 | 84.0 | 82.6 | 1.5 | 2.9 |
| **Service Providing** | 1017.2 | 1032.6 | 1007.8 | -15.4 | 9.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.1** | **250.3** | **250.4** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 46.8 | 46.7 | 47.1 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** | 139.6 | 139.7 | 139.9 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 63.7 | 63.9 | 63.4 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **12.3** | **12.5** | **13.2** | **-0.2** | **-0.9** |
| **Financial Activities** | **53.8** | **54.1** | **53.5** | **-0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 39.9 | 40.3 | 39.8 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.6** | **149.0** | **141.3** | **0.6** | **8.3** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 42.3 | 43.0 | 42.3 | -0.7 | 0.0 |
| **Management of Companies** | 34.9 | 35.1 | 34.9 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 72.4 | 70.9 | 64.1 | 1.5 | 8.3 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **185.4** | **187.2** | **184.2** | **-1.8** | **1.2** |
| **Educational Services** | 13.0 | 13.6 | 11.4 | -0.6 | 1.6 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 172.4 | 173.6 | 172.8 | -1.2 | -0.4 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 57.7 | 58.1 | 56.8 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| **Social Assistance** | 38.1 | 38.7 | 38.9 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **119.4** | **120.2** | **118.5** | **-0.8** | **0.9** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 12.5 | 12.8 | 12.8 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 106.9 | 107.4 | 105.7 | -0.5 | 1.2 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.9 | 12.1 | 12.2 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Food Services** | 95.0 | 95.3 | 93.5 | -0.3 | 1.5 |
| **Other Services** | **49.1** | **49.7** | **49.1** | **-0.6** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **197.5** | **209.6** | **197.6** | **-12.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Federal Government** | 19.9 | 19.9 | 20.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** | 72.8 | 74.4 | 73.0 | -1.6 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 104.8 | 115.3 | 104.6 | -10.5 | 0.2 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### June 2018 - July 2018

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas dropped 13,000 in July to total 1,237,900. Employment in seven major industry sectors decreased, while three sectors added jobs. The largest loss occurred in **government** (-12,100). All declines were in local (-10,500) and state (-1,600) government, as public schools began summer break. Jobs in **educational and health services** were down 1,800. Losses were posted in both health care-social assistance (-1,200) and educational services (-600). **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, an expected seasonal expansion. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,200. Gains in nondurable goods (+1,500) more than offset the small declines in durable goods (-300).

**July 2017 - July 2018**

Compared to July 2017, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 14,700. Six major industry sectors posted growth, as four sectors reported minor losses. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 8,300. All gains were in administrative and support services, a subsector which includes employment agencies, office administration services, and telephone call centers. **Manufacturing** added 3,800 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods (+2,900). Employment in **construction** increased 2,000. Expansions are attributed in part to highway and road construction projects across the State. **Educational and health services** added 1,200 jobs. The growth in educational services (+1,600) was offset by minor losses in health care and social assistance (-400).

160,000

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

##### July: 1998 - 2018

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

'98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.3 | 41.8 | 39.8 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 17.46 | 17.35 | 16.11 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 721.10 | 725.23 | 641.18 |

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jul 18 Jun 18**

**Jul 17**

Average Weekly Hours 40.7 40.6

Average Hourly Earnings 15.36 15.33

Average Weekly Earnings 625.15 622.40

39.9

14.41

574.96

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.0 | 43.3 | 39.6 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.99 | 19.61 | 18.10 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 839.58 | 849.11 | 716.76 |

45.0

**Average Weekly Hours Worked: Manufacturing**

##### July 2016 - July 2018

44.0

43.0

42.0

41.0

40.0

39.0

38.0

37.0

36.0

35.0

July '16

Jan '17

July '17

Jan '18

July '18

## 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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 364,314 | 359,495 | 365,269 | 4,819 | -955 |
| **Employment** | 352,244 | 346,911 | 351,997 | 5,333 | 247 |
| **Unemployment** | 12,070 | 12,584 | 13,272 | -514 | -1,202 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | -0.2 | -0.3 |

(In Thousands)

327.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Jul 18**  362.4 | **Jun 18**  364.9 | **Jul 17**  355.7 | **OTM**  -2.5 | **OT Y**  6.7 |
| **Goods Producing** | 38.2 | 37.9 | 38.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.9** | **17.6** | **17.6** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **20.3**  324.2 | **20.3** | **20.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.1** | **70.1** | **69.9** | -2.8  **0.0** | 6.5  **0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 38.9 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.1 | 16.2 | 15.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Information** | **5.6** | **5.7** | **6.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.2** | **21.2** | **21.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.5** | **49.4** | **46.6** | **0.1** | **2.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **58.9** | **59.0** | **55.6** | **-0.1** | **3.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.8** | **35.5** | **34.8** | **-0.7** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services** | **15.9** | **15.9** | **15.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **68.2** | **70.2** | **67.7** | **-2.0** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 34.0 | 34.2 | 33.7 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 24.7 | 26.6 | 24.6 | -1.9 | 0.1 |

317.7

**Over-the-Year Job Growth by Industry (Ranked)**

##### July 2017 vs July 2018

Educational & Health Services

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | | | | | |  |
|  |  | | | | | |  |
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|  | |  |  |  |  | |

Professiona l & Business Services

Government

Mining-Logging-Construction

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

Fina ncial Activities

Leisure & Hospitality

Other Services

Manufacturing

Informa tion

-1,000 -500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 279,153 | 276,238 | 277,684 | 2,915 | 1,469 |
| **Employment** | 271,198 | 268,208 | 268,785 | 2,990 | 2,413 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,955 | 8,030 | 8,899 | -75 | -944 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | -0.1 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

216.6

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Jul 18**  255.5 | **Jun 18**  258.5 | **Jul 17**  248.7 | **OTM**  -3.0 | **OT Y**  6.8 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.2 | 41.9 | 40.1 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.4** | **12.3** | **11.5** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **29.8**  213.3 | **29.6** | **28.6** | **0.2** | **1.2** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.4** | **56.2** | **56.5** | -3.3  **0.2** | 4.7  **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.2 | 26.0 | 26.8 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **7.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.7** | **50.8** | **49.1** | **-0.1** | **1.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28.5** | **28.6** | **27.6** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.4** | **27.4** | **25.1** | **-1.0** | **1.3** |
| **Other Services** | **9.0** | **9.0** | **9.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **32.4** | **34.7** | **31.5** | **-2.3** | **0.9** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** | 12.5 | 12.9 | 11.8 | -0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Local Government** | 17.4 | 19.3 | 17.1 | -1.9 | 0.3 |

208.6

**Unemployment Rates**

##### July: 2008 - 2018

8.0

**Jobs in Manufacturing**

##### July 2016 - July 2018

31,000

7.0

30,000

6.0

29,000

5.0

28,000

4.0

27,000

3.0

2.0

26,000

1.0

25,000

24,000

0.0

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

July '16

Jan '17

July '17

Jan '18

July '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,486 | 119,450 | 121,153 | 36 | -1,667 |
| **Employment** | 114,765 | 114,485 | 115,769 | 280 | -1,004 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,721 | 4,965 | 5,384 | -244 | -663 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

89.9

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Jul 18**  110.4 | **Jun 18**  112.8 | **Jul 17**  110.2 | **OTM**  -2.4 | **OT Y**  0.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 23.0 | 22.9 | 23.4 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.5**  87.4 | **17.4** | **17.8** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.6** | **22.6** | **22.8** | -2.5  **0.0** | 0.6  **-0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.7** | **12.7** | **12.1** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.6** | **16.7** | **16.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.8** | **9.8** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.5** | **4.4** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **16.3** | **18.5** | **16.1** | **-2.2** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 12.1 | 14.2 | 11.9 | -2.1 | 0.2 |

86.8

**Employment**

##### January 2016 - July 2018

118,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

##### July: 1998 - 2018

90,000

117,000

116,000

85,000

115,000

114,000

80,000

113,000

75,000

112,000

111,000

70,000

110,000

109,000

65,000

108,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2016 2017 2018

60,000

'98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,158 | 40,823 | 42,000 | 335 | -842 |
| **Employment** | 39,486 | 39,049 | 40,102 | 437 | -616 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,672 | 1,774 | 1,898 | -102 | -226 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.0 | 38.6 | 38.1 | -0.6 | -0.1 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 33.3 | 33.9 | 33.6 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 |

40,500

**Number of Employed**

##### January 2016 - July 2018

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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,729 | 64,797 | 65,460 | 932 | 269 |
| **Employment** | 63,535 | 62,526 | 63,082 | 1,009 | 453 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,194 | 2,271 | 2,378 | -77 | -184 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | -0.2 | -0.3 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 57.9 | 58.5 | 56.6 | -0.6 | 1.3 |
| 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 47.9 | 48.5 | 46.8 | -0.6 | 1.1 |
| 8.7 | 9.2 | 8.6 | -0.5 | 0.1 |

60,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

##### July: 1998 - 2018

55,000

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,290 | 35,149 | 36,012 | 141 | -722 |
| **Employment** | 33,375 | 33,190 | 33,973 | 185 | -598 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,915 | 1,959 | 2,039 | -44 | -124 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | -0.2 | -0.3 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.1 | 32.6 | 32.0 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.1 | 26.6 | 25.9 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| 8.9 | 9.4 | 8.8 | -0.5 | 0.1 |

28,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

##### July 2016 - July 2018

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|  | July '16 | Jan '17 | July '17 | Jan '18 | Jul '18 |

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

**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.

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|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 653,994 | 652,798 | 638,246 | 1,196 | 15,748 |
| **Employment** | 623,350 | 621,061 | 609,223 | 2,289 | 14,127 |
| **Unemployment** | 30,644 | 31,737 | 29,023 | -1,093 | 1,621 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | -0.2 | 0.2 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Jul 18** | **Jun 18** | **Jul 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,290 | 66,120 | 64,683 | -830 | 607 |
| **Employment** | 61,800 | 62,415 | 61,511 | -615 | 289 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,490 | 3,705 | 3,172 | -215 | 318 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.9 | -0.3 | 0.4 |

660,000

**Memphis MSA- Civilian Labor Force**

##### January 2016 - July 2018

70,000

**Texarkana MSA- Employment**

##### July: 2008 - 2018

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## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2018**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June**  **Emp** | **2018**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,415 | 8,996 | 419 | 4.5 | 9,372 | 8,942 | 430 | 4.6 | 9,335 | 8,880 | 455 | 4.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,016 | 15,292 | 724 | 4.5 | 16,418 | 15,690 | 728 | 4.4 | 16,133 | 15,303 | 830 | 5.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,779 | 16,628 | 1,151 | 6.5 | 17,900 | 16,408 | 1,492 | 8.3 | 18,166 | 16,876 | 1,290 | 7.1 |
| Camden Micro | 12,069 | 11,518 | 551 | 4.6 | 12,289 | 11,691 | 598 | 4.9 | 12,281 | 11,678 | 603 | 4.9 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,983 | 15,035 | 948 | 5.9 | 16,328 | 15,304 | 1,024 | 6.3 | 16,051 | 15,056 | 995 | 6.2 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,150 | 7,718 | 432 | 5.3 | 8,336 | 7,875 | 461 | 5.5 | 8,463 | 7,982 | 481 | 5.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,717 | 18,065 | 652 | 3.5 | 19,508 | 18,842 | 666 | 3.4 | 18,983 | 18,265 | 718 | 3.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,417 | 5,988 | 429 | 6.7 | 6,648 | 6,223 | 425 | 6.4 | 6,524 | 6,103 | 421 | 6.5 |
| Hope Micro | 13,157 | 12,627 | 530 | 4.0 | 13,594 | 13,092 | 502 | 3.7 | 13,324 | 12,782 | 542 | 4.1 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,611 | 8,140 | 471 | 5.5 | 8,893 | 8,412 | 481 | 5.4 | 8,842 | 8,305 | 537 | 6.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,192 | 13,609 | 583 | 4.1 | 14,297 | 13,669 | 628 | 4.4 | 14,404 | 13,779 | 625 | 4.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,483 | 15,815 | 668 | 4.1 | 16,562 | 15,853 | 709 | 4.3 | 16,554 | 15,784 | 770 | 4.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,805 | 19,064 | 741 | 3.7 | 19,884 | 19,111 | 773 | 3.9 | 20,134 | 19,277 | 857 | 4.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,738 | 34,767 | 1,971 | 5.4 | 37,606 | 35,666 | 1,940 | 5.2 | 37,538 | 35,486 | 2,052 | 5.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 32,902 | 31,486 | 1,416 | 4.3 | 33,566 | 32,068 | 1,498 | 4.5 | 33,405 | 31,789 | 1,616 | 4.8 |

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

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**City**

**CLF**

**July 2018**

**Emp Unemp**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2018**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2017**

**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

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| Bella Vista | 12,620 | 12,162 | 458 | 3.6 | 12,525 | 12,029 | 496 | 4.0 | 12,603 | 12,062 | 541 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 17,715 | 17,172 | 543 | 3.1 | 17,483 | 16,914 | 569 | 3.3 | 17,730 | 17,156 | 574 | 3.2 |
| Bentonville | 25,884 | 25,214 | 670 | 2.6 | 25,671 | 24,939 | 732 | 2.9 | 25,938 | 25,007 | 931 | 3.6 |
| Blytheville | 6,112 | 5,662 | 450 | 7.4 | 6,143 | 5,587 | 556 | 9.1 | 6,265 | 5,746 | 519 | 8.3 |
| Cabot | 12,191 | 11,806 | 385 | 3.2 | 12,020 | 11,615 | 405 | 3.4 | 12,223 | 11,810 | 413 | 3.4 |
| Conway | 34,395 | 33,276 | 1,119 | 3.3 | 33,866 | 32,761 | 1,105 | 3.3 | 34,517 | 33,247 | 1,270 | 3.7 |
| El Dorado | 7,074 | 6,534 | 540 | 7.6 | 7,218 | 6,651 | 567 | 7.9 | 6,991 | 6,543 | 448 | 6.4 |
| Fayetteville | 48,459 | 47,025 | 1,434 | 3.0 | 47,888 | 46,497 | 1,391 | 2.9 | 48,154 | 46,624 | 1,530 | 3.2 |
| Fort Smith | 39,699 | 38,276 | 1,423 | 3.6 | 39,594 | 38,128 | 1,466 | 3.7 | 40,517 | 38,899 | 1,618 | 4.0 |
| Hot Springs | 14,888 | 14,162 | 726 | 4.9 | 14,773 | 14,006 | 767 | 5.2 | 15,160 | 14,383 | 777 | 5.1 |
| Jacksonville | 12,104 | 11,586 | 518 | 4.3 | 11,962 | 11,414 | 548 | 4.6 | 12,134 | 11,577 | 557 | 4.6 |
| Jonesboro | 38,786 | 37,504 | 1,282 | 3.3 | 38,233 | 36,922 | 1,311 | 3.4 | 38,574 | 37,219 | 1,355 | 3.5 |
| Little Rock | 100,484 | 97,035 | 3,449 | 3.4 | 99,175 | 95,596 | 3,579 | 3.6 | 100,627 | 96,954 | 3,673 | 3.7 |
| North Little Rock | 30,857 | 29,738 | 1,119 | 3.6 | 30,437 | 29,297 | 1,140 | 3.7 | 31,021 | 29,714 | 1,307 | 4.2 |
| Paragould | 12,442 | 11,954 | 488 | 3.9 | 12,494 | 11,984 | 510 | 4.1 | 12,684 | 12,088 | 596 | 4.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,874 | 15,726 | 1,148 | 6.8 | 16,834 | 15,658 | 1,176 | 7.0 | 17,168 | 16,010 | 1,158 | 6.7 |
| Rogers | 35,772 | 34,845 | 927 | 2.6 | 35,380 | 34,465 | 915 | 2.6 | 35,635 | 34,558 | 1,077 | 3.0 |
| Russellville | 13,283 | 12,616 | 667 | 5.0 | 13,598 | 12,961 | 637 | 4.7 | 13,548 | 12,874 | 674 | 5.0 |
| Searcy | 10,196 | 9,755 | 441 | 4.3 | 10,396 | 9,935 | 461 | 4.4 | 10,326 | 9,849 | 477 | 4.6 |
| Sherwood | 16,192 | 15,718 | 474 | 2.9 | 16,013 | 15,485 | 528 | 3.3 | 16,249 | 15,705 | 544 | 3.3 |
| Springdale | 39,900 | 38,864 | 1,036 | 2.6 | 39,522 | 38,428 | 1,094 | 2.8 | 39,621 | 38,533 | 1,088 | 2.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 14,053 | 13,228 | 825 | 5.9 | 14,113 | 13,227 | 886 | 6.3 | 14,017 | 13,277 | 740 | 5.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,401 | 10,022 | 379 | 3.6 | 10,362 | 9,977 | 385 | 3.7 | 10,586 | 10,189 | 397 | 3.8 |
| West Memphis | 11,143 | 10,585 | 558 | 5.0 | 10,935 | 10,375 | 560 | 5.1 | 11,171 | 10,544 | 627 | 5.6 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| **County CLF** | | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2017 Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,974 | 8,683 | 291 | 3.2 | 8,914 | 8,600 | 314 | 3.5 | 9,173 | 8,859 | 314 | 3.4 |
| Ashley | 7,629 | 7,211 | 418 | 5.5 | 7,873 | 7,445 | 428 | 5.4 | 7,585 | 7,098 | 487 | 6.4 |
| Baxter | 16,483 | 15,815 | 668 | 4.1 | 16,562 | 15,853 | 709 | 4.3 | 16,554 | 15,784 | 770 | 4.7 |
| Benton | 135,368 | 131,460 | 3,908 | 2.9 | 133,995 | 130,025 | 3,970 | 3.0 | 134,889 | 130,377 | 4,512 | 3.3 |
| Boone | 15,419 | 14,879 | 540 | 3.5 | 16,100 | 15,541 | 559 | 3.5 | 15,628 | 15,045 | 583 | 3.7 |
| Bradley | 4,348 | 4,158 | 190 | 4.4 | 4,545 | 4,338 | 207 | 4.6 | 4,283 | 4,068 | 215 | 5.0 |
| Calhoun | 2,347 | 2,248 | 99 | 4.2 | 2,376 | 2,272 | 104 | 4.4 | 2,391 | 2,283 | 108 | 4.5 |
| Carroll | 13,130 | 12,775 | 355 | 2.7 | 13,249 | 12,869 | 380 | 2.9 | 13,396 | 12,974 | 422 | 3.2 |
| Chicot | 3,431 | 3,219 | 212 | 6.2 | 3,465 | 3,239 | 226 | 6.5 | 3,539 | 3,309 | 230 | 6.5 |
| Clark | 9,415 | 8,996 | 419 | 4.5 | 9,372 | 8,942 | 430 | 4.6 | 9,335 | 8,880 | 455 | 4.9 |
| Clay | 5,775 | 5,520 | 255 | 4.4 | 5,861 | 5,594 | 267 | 4.6 | 5,958 | 5,653 | 305 | 5.1 |
| Cleburne | 9,186 | 8,790 | 396 | 4.3 | 9,359 | 8,947 | 412 | 4.4 | 9,402 | 8,907 | 495 | 5.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,276 | 3,149 | 127 | 3.9 | 3,255 | 3,119 | 136 | 4.2 | 3,372 | 3,205 | 167 | 5.0 |
| Columbia | 8,611 | 8,140 | 471 | 5.5 | 8,893 | 8,412 | 481 | 5.4 | 8,842 | 8,305 | 537 | 6.1 |
| Conway | 8,148 | 7,772 | 376 | 4.6 | 8,215 | 7,828 | 387 | 4.7 | 8,324 | 7,885 | 439 | 5.3 |
| Craighead | 55,171 | 53,395 | 1,776 | 3.2 | 54,382 | 52,567 | 1,815 | 3.3 | 54,893 | 52,990 | 1,903 | 3.5 |
| Crawford | 26,653 | 25,665 | 988 | 3.7 | 26,550 | 25,550 | 1,000 | 3.8 | 27,169 | 26,094 | 1,075 | 4.0 |
| Crittenden | 22,477 | 21,429 | 1,048 | 4.7 | 22,075 | 21,004 | 1,071 | 4.9 | 22,447 | 21,345 | 1,102 | 4.9 |
| Cross | 7,278 | 6,976 | 302 | 4.1 | 7,603 | 7,292 | 311 | 4.1 | 7,557 | 7,239 | 318 | 4.2 |
| Dallas | 2,823 | 2,698 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,886 | 2,745 | 141 | 4.9 | 2,873 | 2,712 | 161 | 5.6 |
| Desha | 5,379 | 5,127 | 252 | 4.7 | 5,528 | 5,271 | 257 | 4.6 | 5,458 | 5,160 | 298 | 5.5 |
| Drew | 7,763 | 7,368 | 395 | 5.1 | 7,973 | 7,562 | 411 | 5.2 | 7,680 | 7,224 | 456 | 5.9 |
| Faulkner | 62,750 | 60,703 | 2,047 | 3.3 | 61,882 | 59,764 | 2,118 | 3.4 | 62,960 | 60,650 | 2,310 | 3.7 |
| Franklin | 7,287 | 7,005 | 282 | 3.9 | 7,428 | 7,145 | 283 | 3.8 | 7,408 | 7,094 | 314 | 4.2 |
| Fulton | 4,727 | 4,532 | 195 | 4.1 | 4,949 | 4,749 | 200 | 4.0 | 4,691 | 4,466 | 225 | 4.8 |
| Garland | 41,158 | 39,486 | 1,672 | 4.1 | 40,823 | 39,049 | 1,774 | 4.3 | 42,000 | 40,102 | 1,898 | 4.5 |
| Grant | 8,555 | 8,286 | 269 | 3.1 | 8,437 | 8,160 | 277 | 3.3 | 8,600 | 8,295 | 305 | 3.5 |
| Greene | 19,805 | 19,064 | 741 | 3.7 | 19,884 | 19,111 | 773 | 3.9 | 20,134 | 19,277 | 857 | 4.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,641 | 9,253 | 388 | 4.0 | 9,943 | 9,585 | 358 | 3.6 | 9,761 | 9,368 | 393 | 4.0 |
| Hot Spring | 14,192 | 13,609 | 583 | 4.1 | 14,297 | 13,669 | 628 | 4.4 | 14,404 | 13,779 | 625 | 4.3 |
| Howard | 6,197 | 5,967 | 230 | 3.7 | 6,326 | 6,094 | 232 | 3.7 | 5,968 | 5,755 | 213 | 3.6 |
| Independence | 16,016 | 15,292 | 724 | 4.5 | 16,418 | 15,690 | 728 | 4.4 | 16,133 | 15,303 | 830 | 5.1 |
| Izard | 4,624 | 4,359 | 265 | 5.7 | 4,786 | 4,487 | 299 | 6.2 | 4,744 | 4,438 | 306 | 6.5 |
| Jackson | 5,763 | 5,404 | 359 | 6.2 | 5,849 | 5,485 | 364 | 6.2 | 5,863 | 5,489 | 374 | 6.4 |
| Jefferson | 27,986 | 26,380 | 1,606 | 5.7 | 27,903 | 26,266 | 1,637 | 5.9 | 28,549 | 26,857 | 1,692 | 5.9 |
| Johnson | 10,229 | 9,697 | 532 | 5.2 | 10,599 | 10,061 | 538 | 5.1 | 10,452 | 9,898 | 554 | 5.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,428 | 2,286 | 142 | 5.8 | 2,523 | 2,379 | 144 | 5.7 | 2,452 | 2,304 | 148 | 6.0 |
| Lawrence | 6,547 | 6,251 | 296 | 4.5 | 6,764 | 6,465 | 299 | 4.4 | 6,639 | 6,341 | 298 | 4.5 |
| Lee | 2,952 | 2,797 | 155 | 5.3 | 2,932 | 2,782 | 150 | 5.1 | 3,083 | 2,918 | 165 | 5.4 |
| Lincoln | 4,028 | 3,846 | 182 | 4.5 | 3,991 | 3,805 | 186 | 4.7 | 4,091 | 3,911 | 180 | 4.4 |
| Little River | 5,676 | 5,350 | 326 | 5.7 | 5,703 | 5,360 | 343 | 6.0 | 5,676 | 5,377 | 299 | 5.3 |
| Logan | 8,780 | 8,384 | 396 | 4.5 | 8,902 | 8,521 | 381 | 4.3 | 9,142 | 8,714 | 428 | 4.7 |
| Lonoke | 34,644 | 33,549 | 1,095 | 3.2 | 34,147 | 33,007 | 1,140 | 3.3 | 34,755 | 33,561 | 1,194 | 3.4 |
| Madison | 7,602 | 7,393 | 209 | 2.7 | 7,496 | 7,276 | 220 | 2.9 | 7,596 | 7,358 | 238 | 3.1 |
| Marion | 6,500 | 6,238 | 262 | 4.0 | 6,591 | 6,324 | 267 | 4.1 | 6,566 | 6,288 | 278 | 4.2 |
| Miller | 20,176 | 19,138 | 1,038 | 5.1 | 20,252 | 19,137 | 1,115 | 5.5 | 20,188 | 19,209 | 979 | 4.8 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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| **County CLF** | | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,779 | 16,628 | 1,151 | 6.5 | 17,900 | 16,408 | 1,492 | 8.3 | 18,166 | 16,876 | 1,290 | 7.1 |
| Monroe | 2,727 | 2,592 | 135 | 5.0 | 2,817 | 2,673 | 144 | 5.1 | 2,807 | 2,676 | 131 | 4.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,078 | 2,928 | 150 | 4.9 | 3,218 | 3,063 | 155 | 4.8 | 3,111 | 2,943 | 168 | 5.4 |
| Nevada | 3,516 | 3,374 | 142 | 4.0 | 3,651 | 3,507 | 144 | 3.9 | 3,563 | 3,414 | 149 | 4.2 |
| Newton | 3,298 | 3,186 | 112 | 3.4 | 3,408 | 3,301 | 107 | 3.1 | 3,355 | 3,220 | 135 | 4.0 |
| Ouachita | 9,722 | 9,270 | 452 | 4.6 | 9,913 | 9,419 | 494 | 5.0 | 9,890 | 9,395 | 495 | 5.0 |
| Perry | 4,292 | 4,127 | 165 | 3.8 | 4,233 | 4,053 | 180 | 4.3 | 4,302 | 4,123 | 179 | 4.2 |
| Phillips | 6,417 | 5,988 | 429 | 6.7 | 6,648 | 6,223 | 425 | 6.4 | 6,524 | 6,103 | 421 | 6.5 |
| Pike | 4,327 | 4,138 | 189 | 4.4 | 4,490 | 4,293 | 197 | 4.4 | 4,265 | 4,070 | 195 | 4.6 |
| Poinsett | 10,558 | 10,140 | 418 | 4.0 | 10,415 | 9,959 | 456 | 4.4 | 10,567 | 10,092 | 475 | 4.5 |
| Polk | 7,826 | 7,468 | 358 | 4.6 | 8,122 | 7,748 | 374 | 4.6 | 7,991 | 7,579 | 412 | 5.2 |
| Pope | 28,373 | 26,806 | 1,567 | 5.5 | 29,075 | 27,538 | 1,537 | 5.3 | 28,991 | 27,353 | 1,638 | 5.7 |
| Prairie | 3,555 | 3,426 | 129 | 3.6 | 3,643 | 3,511 | 132 | 3.6 | 3,686 | 3,525 | 161 | 4.4 |
| Pulaski | 194,804 | 188,148 | 6,656 | 3.4 | 192,304 | 185,357 | 6,947 | 3.6 | 195,303 | 187,991 | 7,312 | 3.7 |
| Randolph | 6,922 | 6,621 | 301 | 4.3 | 7,024 | 6,707 | 317 | 4.5 | 6,924 | 6,614 | 310 | 4.5 |
| St. Francis | 8,150 | 7,718 | 432 | 5.3 | 8,336 | 7,875 | 461 | 5.5 | 8,463 | 7,982 | 481 | 5.7 |
| Saline | 59,269 | 57,431 | 1,838 | 3.1 | 58,492 | 56,570 | 1,922 | 3.3 | 59,349 | 57,377 | 1,972 | 3.3 |
| Scott | 4,393 | 4,226 | 167 | 3.8 | 4,451 | 4,279 | 172 | 3.9 | 4,357 | 4,177 | 180 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 2,829 | 2,707 | 122 | 4.3 | 3,037 | 2,909 | 128 | 4.2 | 2,943 | 2,787 | 156 | 5.3 |
| Sebastian | 57,039 | 54,996 | 2,043 | 3.6 | 56,883 | 54,782 | 2,101 | 3.7 | 58,220 | 55,890 | 2,330 | 4.0 |
| Sevier | 5,615 | 5,360 | 255 | 4.5 | 5,683 | 5,417 | 266 | 4.7 | 5,612 | 5,339 | 273 | 4.9 |
| Sharp | 5,960 | 5,668 | 292 | 4.9 | 6,155 | 5,857 | 298 | 4.8 | 6,054 | 5,730 | 324 | 5.4 |
| Stone | 4,768 | 4,570 | 198 | 4.2 | 4,888 | 4,683 | 205 | 4.2 | 4,837 | 4,593 | 244 | 5.0 |
| Union | 15,983 | 15,035 | 948 | 5.9 | 16,328 | 15,304 | 1,024 | 6.3 | 16,051 | 15,056 | 995 | 6.2 |
| Van Buren | 5,904 | 5,595 | 309 | 5.2 | 6,115 | 5,795 | 320 | 5.2 | 6,043 | 5,686 | 357 | 5.9 |
| Washington | 125,296 | 121,881 | 3,415 | 2.7 | 123,950 | 120,514 | 3,436 | 2.8 | 124,508 | 120,843 | 3,665 | 2.9 |
| White | 32,902 | 31,486 | 1,416 | 4.3 | 33,566 | 32,068 | 1,498 | 4.5 | 33,405 | 31,789 | 1,616 | 4.8 |
| Woodruff | 2,779 | 2,652 | 127 | 4.6 | 2,896 | 2,763 | 133 | 4.6 | 2,889 | 2,741 | 148 | 5.1 |
| Yell | 8,365 | 7,961 | 404 | 4.8 | 8,531 | 8,128 | 403 | 4.7 | 8,547 | 8,133 | 414 | 4.8 |

# County Labor Force Summary

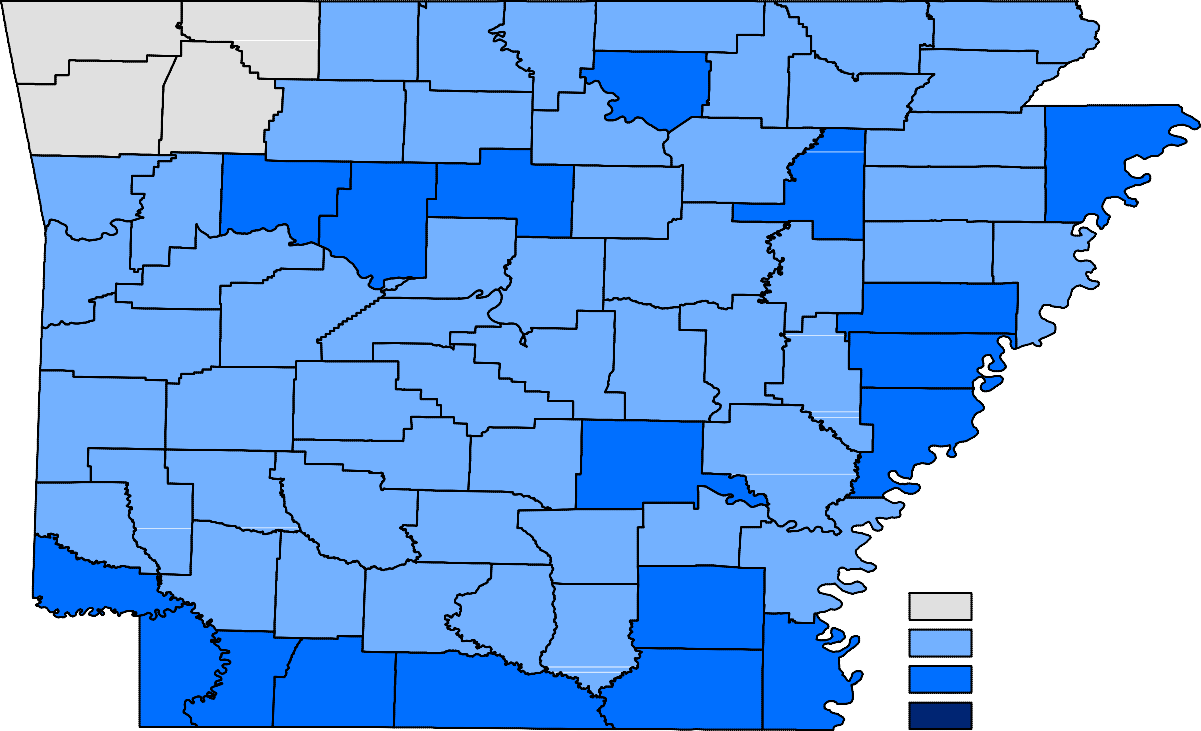
Between June and July, unemployment rates declined in 45 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Twenty counties reported rate increases, while 10 counties were unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in three counties (Carroll, Madison, and Washington) to a high of 6.7 percent in Phillips County.

In July, twenty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up slightly from 23 counties at or below four percent in June. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate at or above eight percent.

Compared to July 2017, unemployment rates are down in 66 Arkansas counties. Six counties

posted rate increases and three were the same.

**County Unemployment Rates**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Independence**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Jackson**

**Franklin**

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**Monroe**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Polk**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring**

**Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Howard**

**Clark**

**Sevier**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

July 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Carroll | **Rate**  2.7 | **Rank**  23 | **County**  Poinsett | **Rate**  4.0 | **Rank**  48 | **County**  Woodruff | **Rate**  4.6 |
| 1 | Madison | 2.7 | 27 | Baxter | 4.1 | 52 | Crittenden | 4.7 |
| 1 | Washington | 2.7 | 27 | Cross | 4.1 | 52 | Desha | 4.7 |
| 4 | Benton | 2.9 | 27 | Fulton | 4.1 | 54 | Yell | 4.8 |
| 5 | Grant | 3.1 | 27 | Garland | 4.1 | 55 | Montgomery | 4.9 |
| 5 | Saline | 3.1 | 27 | Hot Spring | 4.1 | 55 | Sharp | 4.9 |
| 7 | Arkansas | 3.2 | 32 | Calhoun | 4.2 | 57 | Monroe | 5.0 |
| 7 | Craighead | 3.2 | 32 | Stone | 4.2 | 58 | Drew | 5.1 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.2 | 34 | Cleburne | 4.3 | 58 | Miller | 5.1 |
| 10 | Faulkner | 3.3 | 34 | Randolph | 4.3 | 60 | Johnson | 5.2 |
| 11 | Newton | 3.4 | 34 | Searcy | 4.3 | 60 | Van Buren | 5.2 |
| 11 | Pulaski | 3.4 | 34 | White | 4.3 | 62 | Lee | 5.3 |
| 13 | Boone | 3.5 | 38 | Bradley | 4.4 | 62 | St. Francis | 5.3 |
| 14 | Prairie | 3.6 | 38 | Clay | 4.4 | 64 | Ashley | 5.5 |
| 14 | Sebastian | 3.6 | 38 | Dallas | 4.4 | 64 | Columbia | 5.5 |
| 16 | Crawford | 3.7 | 38 | Pike | 4.4 | 64 | Pope | 5.5 |
| 16 | Greene | 3.7 | 42 | Clark | 4.5 | 67 | Izard | 5.7 |
| 16 | Howard | 3.7 | 42 | Independence | 4.5 | 67 | Jefferson | 5.7 |
| 19 | Perry | 3.8 | 42 | Lawrence | 4.5 | 67 | Little River | 5.7 |
| 19 | Scott | 3.8 | 42 | Lincoln | 4.5 | 70 | Lafayette | 5.8 |
| 21 | Cleveland | 3.9 | 42 | Logan | 4.5 | 71 | Union | 5.9 |
| 21 | Franklin | 3.9 | 42 | Sevier | 4.5 | 72 | Chicot | 6.2 |
| 23 | Hempstead | 4.0 | 48 | Conway | 4.6 | 72 | Jackson | 6.2 |
| 23 | Marion | 4.0 | 48 | Ouachita | 4.6 | 74 | Mississippi | 6.5 |
| 23 | Nevada | 4.0 | 48 | Polk | 4.6 | 75 | Phillips | 6.7 |

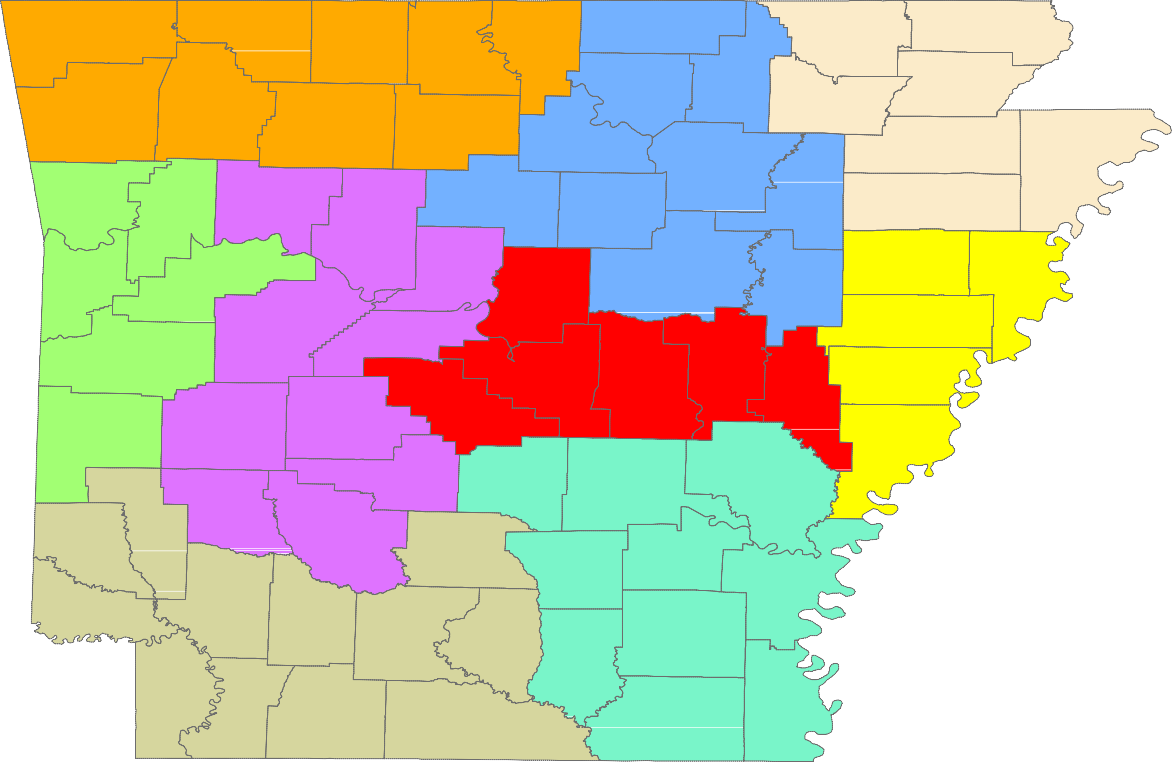
## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 257,265 | 248,814 | 8,451 | 3.3 | 254,110 | 245,286 | 8,824 | 3.5 | 258,233 | 248,826 | 9,407 | 3.6 |
| City of Little Rock | 100,484 | 97,035 | 3,449 | 3.4 | 99,175 | 95,596 | 3,579 | 3.6 | 100,627 | 96,954 | 3,673 | 3.7 |
| Eastern | 47,274 | 44,908 | 2,366 | 5.0 | 47,594 | 45,176 | 2,418 | 5.1 | 48,074 | 45,587 | 2,487 | 5.2 |
| North Central | 92,629 | 88,348 | 4,281 | 4.6 | 94,981 | 90,524 | 4,457 | 4.7 | 94,061 | 89,142 | 4,919 | 5.2 |
| Northeast | 122,557 | 117,619 | 4,938 | 4.0 | 122,230 | 116,811 | 5,419 | 4.4 | 123,281 | 117,843 | 5,438 | 4.4 |
| Northwest | 325,925 | 316,334 | 9,591 | 2.9 | 324,388 | 314,612 | 9,776 | 3.0 | 325,435 | 314,676 | 10,759 | 3.3 |
| Southeast | 81,369 | 77,427 | 3,942 | 4.8 | 81,884 | 77,805 | 4,079 | 5.0 | 82,330 | 77,986 | 4,344 | 5.3 |
| Southwest | 92,735 | 88,119 | 4,616 | 5.0 | 94,477 | 89,631 | 4,846 | 5.1 | 93,267 | 88,517 | 4,750 | 5.1 |
| West Central | 131,577 | 125,520 | 6,057 | 4.6 | 132,853 | 126,624 | 6,229 | 4.7 | 133,731 | 127,166 | 6,565 | 4.9 |
| Western | 111,978 | 107,744 | 4,234 | 3.8 | 112,336 | 108,025 | 4,311 | 3.8 | 114,287 | 109,548 | 4,739 | 4.1 |



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Southwest West Central Western