

Arkansas

Labor Market Report



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June

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Technical Notes

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

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

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

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 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 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.

June Spotlight

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is a cooperative program between state labor market information agencies and the United States Census Bureau. The program combines statistical information from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program with existing census data to produce quarterly information on employment trends. The program's most popular output, the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI), provides information on employment activities such as hiring, job creation, job separation and turnover.

Because of the connection to QCEW statistics, data produced by the LED program is particularly detailed but is only available on a quarterly basis. QWI are not only produced at the statewide level, but are also available for each county, Metropolitan Statistical Area, Workforce Investment Area, and many cities (based on population). Additionally, these employment indicators are produced and published by gender, age range, race/ethnicity, education level, and industry sector. All LED program information and statistics are available at www.discover.arkansas.gov.

Total Employment- Total number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter.

Net Job Flows- Difference between current and previous quarter employment at each business.

Job Creation- The number of new jobs created, either by new area businesses or by the expansion of existing businesses.

New Hires- Total number of accessions* that were also not employed by the particular business during the previous four quarters.

Separations- Total number of workers employed by a particular business during the current quarter, but not during the subsequent quarter.

Turnover Rate- Turnover rate = $(1/2) \times (\text{accessions}^* + \text{separations})$, divided by total employment for all full quarter measures.

Average Monthly Earnings- Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter employees, divided by the number of full-quarter employees, divided by three.

*Accessions are the total number of workers who were employed by a business during the current quarter, but not the previous quarter.

Local Employment Dynamics
State of Arkansas
3rd Quarter 2016 - 3rd Quarter 2017

Indicator	3rd Qtr 16	4th Qtr 16	1st Qtr 17	2nd Qtr 17	3rd Qtr 17
Total Employment	1,148,335	1,180,774	1,155,925	1,181,162	1,155,309
Net Job Flows	1,643	-3,428	11,852	7,130	N/A
Job Creation	50,745	43,011	49,665	57,679	N/A
New Hires	240,166	203,950	195,793	236,707	228,658
Separations	238,533	207,573	183,890	229,581	N/A
Turnover Rate	9.0%	9.5%	9.3%	N/A	N/A
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,551.00	\$3,705.00	\$3,835.00	\$3,643.00	N/A

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

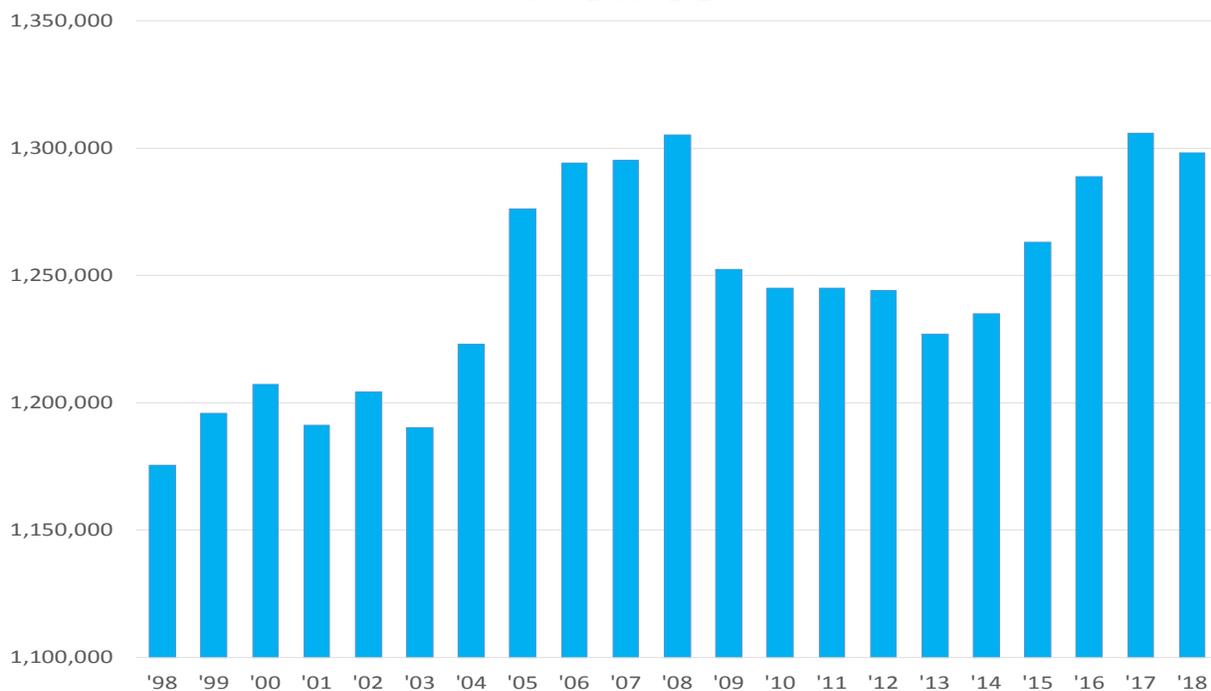
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.8 percent between May and June. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 1,348, a result of 951 fewer employed and 397 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose two-tenths a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in May to 4.0 percent in June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate remained stable again at 3.8 percent in June. The U.S. jobless rate increased over-the-month, putting Arkansas two-tenths of a percentage point below the national average."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>		<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,349,214	1,350,562	1,355,468	Civilian Labor Force	1,363,752	1,350,631	1,374,820
Employment	1,298,363	1,299,314	1,305,806	Employment	1,309,842	1,302,963	1,320,728
Unemployment	50,851	51,248	49,662	Unemployment	53,910	47,668	54,092
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.7	Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.5	3.9
U.S. Unemployment	4.0	3.8	4.3	U.S. Unemployment	4.2	3.6	4.5

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
June: 1998 - 2018



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1250.7	1255.6	1240.5	-4.9	10.2
Goods Producing	218.1	217.0	215.5	1.1	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	58.5	56.6	58.4	1.9	0.1
Mining & Logging	5.5	5.5	6.0	0.0	-0.5
Construction	53.0	51.1	52.4	1.9	0.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	32.1	30.7	32.6	1.4	-0.5
Manufacturing	159.6	160.4	157.1	-0.8	2.5
Durable Goods	75.6	76.1	74.8	-0.5	0.8
Nondurable Goods	84.0	84.3	82.3	-0.3	1.7
Service Providing	1032.6	1038.6	1025.0	-6.0	7.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	250.9	251.7	250.6	-0.8	0.3
Wholesale Trade	46.7	46.9	47.0	-0.2	-0.3
Retail Trade	140.6	141.2	140.3	-0.6	0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63.6	63.6	63.3	0.0	0.3
Information	12.3	12.3	13.3	0.0	-1.0
Financial Activities	54.1	53.4	53.5	0.7	0.6
Finance & Insurance	40.2	39.7	39.8	0.5	0.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.9	13.7	13.7	0.2	0.2
Professional & Business Services	149.8	148.6	142.7	1.2	7.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.3	42.6	42.4	0.7	0.9
Management of Companies	35.2	34.5	35.5	0.7	-0.3
Administrative & Support Services	71.3	71.5	64.8	-0.2	6.5
Educational & Health Services	187.6	189.1	185.6	-1.5	2.0
Educational Services	13.8	15.3	12.4	-1.5	1.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	173.8	173.8	173.2	0.0	0.6
Ambulatory Health Care	58.2	57.7	56.5	0.5	1.7
Social Assistance	38.5	40.3	39.9	-1.8	-1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	119.2	119.8	120.4	-0.6	-1.2
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.7	12.5	13.1	0.2	-0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	106.5	107.3	107.3	-0.8	-0.8
Accommodation Services	12.0	11.7	12.5	0.3	-0.5
Food Services	94.5	95.6	94.8	-1.1	-0.3
Other Services	49.4	49.0	49.4	0.4	0.0
Government	209.3	214.7	209.5	-5.4	-0.2
Federal Government	19.6	19.6	20.1	0.0	-0.5
State Government	74.4	78.7	74.6	-4.3	-0.2
Local Government	115.3	116.4	114.8	-1.1	0.5

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

May 2018 - June 2018

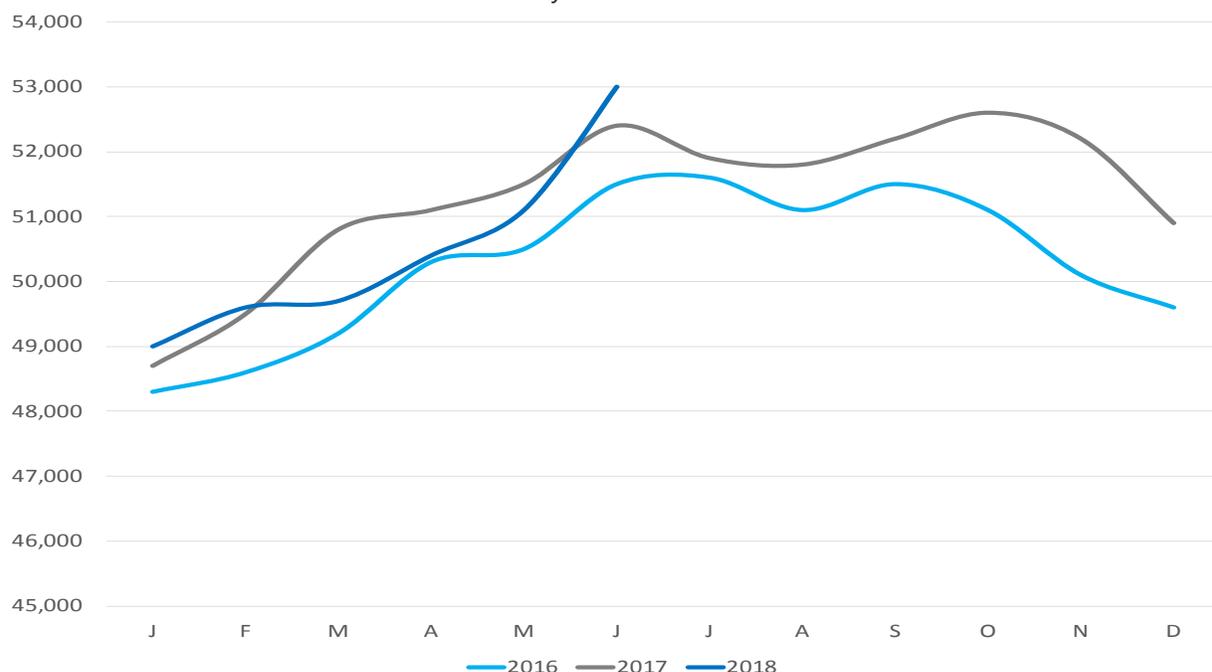
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs declined 4,900 in June to total 1,250,700. Employment decreased in five major industry sectors, while four sectors expanded and two were unchanged. The largest drop occurred in **government** (-5,400). Losses in state (-4,300) and local (-1,100) government were seasonal, attributed to the start of summer break at public schools and universities. Employment in **educational and health services** declined 1,500. All decreases were in educational services (-1,500), as private schools also began closing for the summer. **Construction** added 1,900 jobs, a typical seasonal expansion. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 1,200. Hiring was reported in both professional-scientific-technical services (+700) and management of companies (+700).

June 2017 - June 2018

Compared to June 2017, nonfarm payroll employment in Arkansas is up 10,200. Six major industry sectors posted growth, more than offsetting the losses in four sectors. The largest increase occurred in **professional and business services** (+7,100). A majority of the gains were in administrative and support services (+6,500), a subsector which includes activities such as temporary help services, landscaping, and telephone call centers. **Manufacturing** added 2,500 jobs. Gains were posted in both nondurable goods (+1,700) and durable goods (+800) manufacturing. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 2,000. Most of the growth was in educational services (+1,400). Leisure and hospitality declined 1,200. Minor losses were posted in all subsectors. Jobs in **information** decreased 1,000. The subsector includes activities such as newspaper publishing, television broadcasting, and satellite telecommunications.

Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2016 - June 2018



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

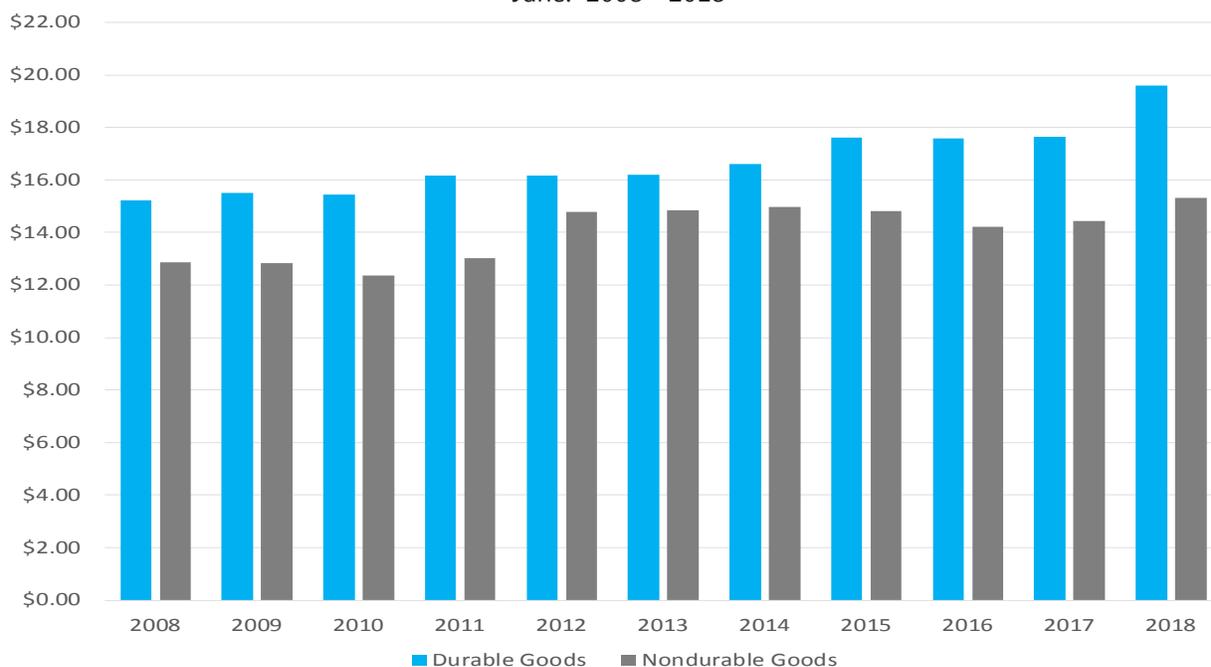
Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.8	41.6	41.1
Average Hourly Earnings	17.34	16.99	15.94
Average Weekly Earnings	724.81	706.78	655.13

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>		<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	43.3	41.9	41.7	Average Weekly Hours	40.6	41.4	40.5
Average Hourly Earnings	19.61	19.22	17.64	Average Hourly Earnings	15.33	15.11	14.44
Average Weekly Earnings	849.11	805.32	735.59	Average Weekly Earnings	622.40	625.55	584.82

Average Hourly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods
June: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

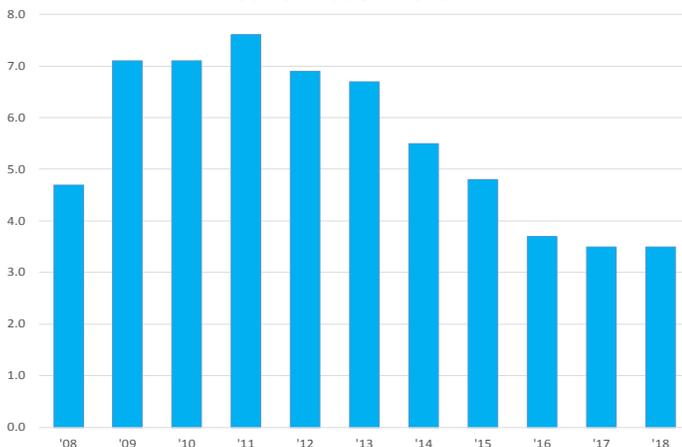
	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	358,634	353,951	359,520	4,683	-886
Employment	346,059	342,505	347,023	3,554	-964
Unemployment	12,575	11,446	12,497	1,129	78
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

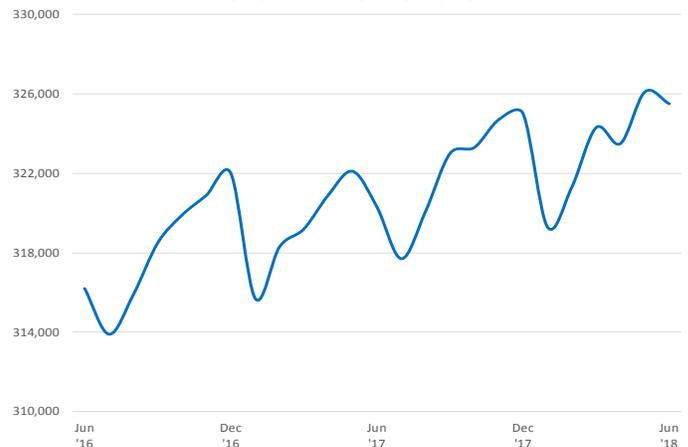
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	363.4	363.5	358.6	-0.1	4.8
Goods Producing	37.9	37.4	38.3	0.5	-0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.6	17.2	17.9	0.4	-0.3
Manufacturing	20.3	20.2	20.4	0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	325.5	326.1	320.3	-0.6	5.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.0	70.1	69.8	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	15.1	15.2	15.1	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	38.7	38.9	38.8	-0.2	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.0	15.9	0.2	0.3
Information	5.6	5.6	6.1	0.0	-0.5
Financial Activities	21.2	21.1	21.0	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	48.8	49.1	46.8	-0.3	2.0
Educational & Health Services	58.9	58.9	55.8	0.0	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	35.1	34.6	35.2	0.5	-0.1
Other Services	15.8	15.6	15.8	0.2	0.0
Government	70.1	71.1	69.8	-1.0	0.3
Federal Government	9.3	9.4	9.5	-0.1	-0.2
State Government	34.2	35.1	33.9	-0.9	0.3
Local Government	26.6	26.6	26.4	0.0	0.2

Unemployment Rates
June: 2008 - 2018



Jobs in Service Providing Sectors
June 2016 - June 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	276,175	276,589	275,015	-414	1,160
Employment	268,147	269,403	266,686	-1,256	1,461
Unemployment	8,028	7,186	8,329	842	-301
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.6	3.0	0.3	-0.1

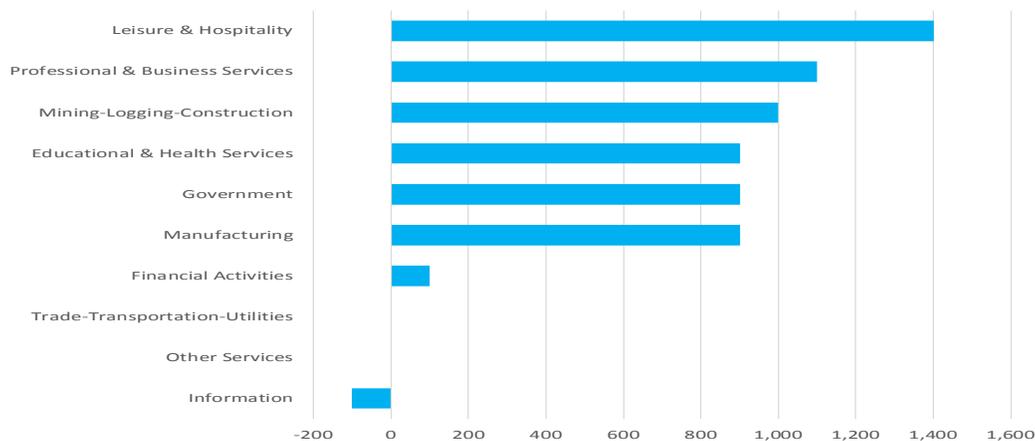
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	258.2	262.4	252.0	-4.2	6.2
Goods Producing	41.8	41.4	39.9	0.4	1.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.3	12.0	11.3	0.3	1.0
Manufacturing	29.5	29.4	28.6	0.1	0.9
Service Providing	216.4	221.0	212.1	-4.6	4.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.4	56.4	56.4	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.5	13.0	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	26.3	26.3	26.7	0.0	-0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.6	16.6	16.7	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	8.0	7.9	7.9	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	50.8	51.0	49.7	-0.2	1.1
Educational & Health Services	28.6	29.2	27.7	-0.6	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	27.1	28.6	25.7	-1.5	1.4
Other Services	9.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
Government	34.7	37.1	33.8	-2.4	0.9
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
State Government	12.9	15.2	12.2	-2.3	0.7
Local Government	19.3	19.4	19.1	-0.1	0.2

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

June 2017 - June 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

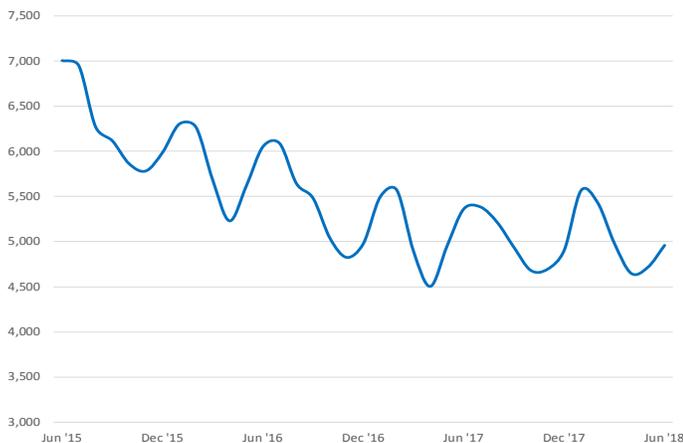
	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,775	118,214	121,223	1,561	-1,448
Employment	114,816	113,498	115,861	1,318	-1,045
Unemployment	4,959	4,716	5,362	243	-403
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.0	4.4	0.1	-0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

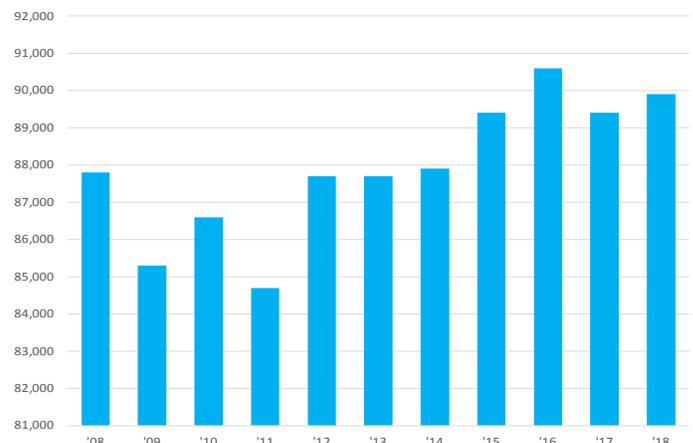
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.9	112.7	112.7	0.2	0.2
Goods Producing	23.0	22.7	23.3	0.3	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.4	5.6	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	17.4	17.3	17.7	0.1	-0.3
Service Providing	89.9	90.0	89.4	-0.1	0.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.6	22.6	22.8	0.0	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.5	12.5	12.6	0.0	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.9	3.8	3.8	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.5	12.2	0.3	0.6
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	16.9	0.0	-0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
Other Services	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Government	18.5	19.1	18.2	-0.6	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.0	3.2	2.9	-0.2	0.1
Local Government	14.2	14.6	14.0	-0.4	0.2

Number of Unemployed
June 2015 - June 2018



Jobs in Service Providing Sectors
June: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,737	40,207	41,465	530	-728
Employment	38,964	38,651	39,691	313	-727
Unemployment	1,773	1,556	1,774	217	-1
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.9	4.3	0.5	0.1

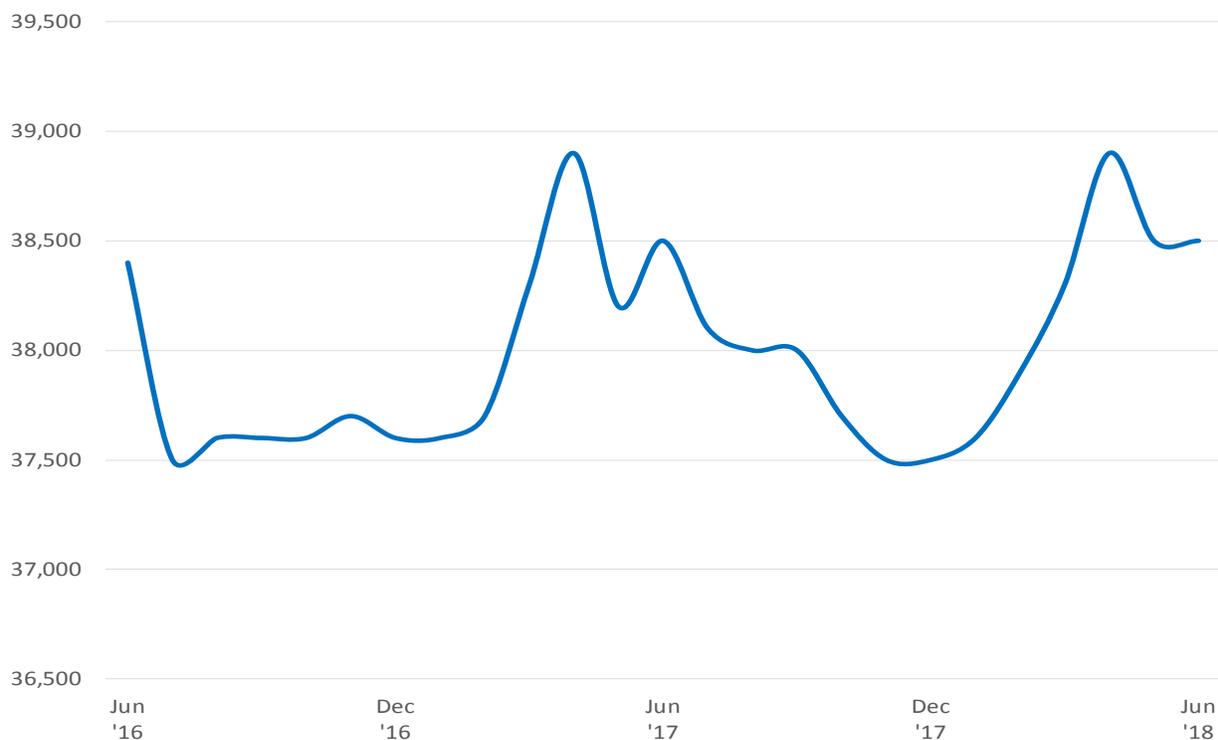
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.5	38.5	38.5	0.0	0.0
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	33.8	33.9	34.0	-0.1	-0.2
Government	4.4	4.6	4.3	-0.2	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

June 2016 - June 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,794	64,116	64,433	678	361
Employment	62,524	62,175	62,179	349	345
Unemployment	2,270	1,941	2,254	329	16
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.0	3.5	0.5	0.0

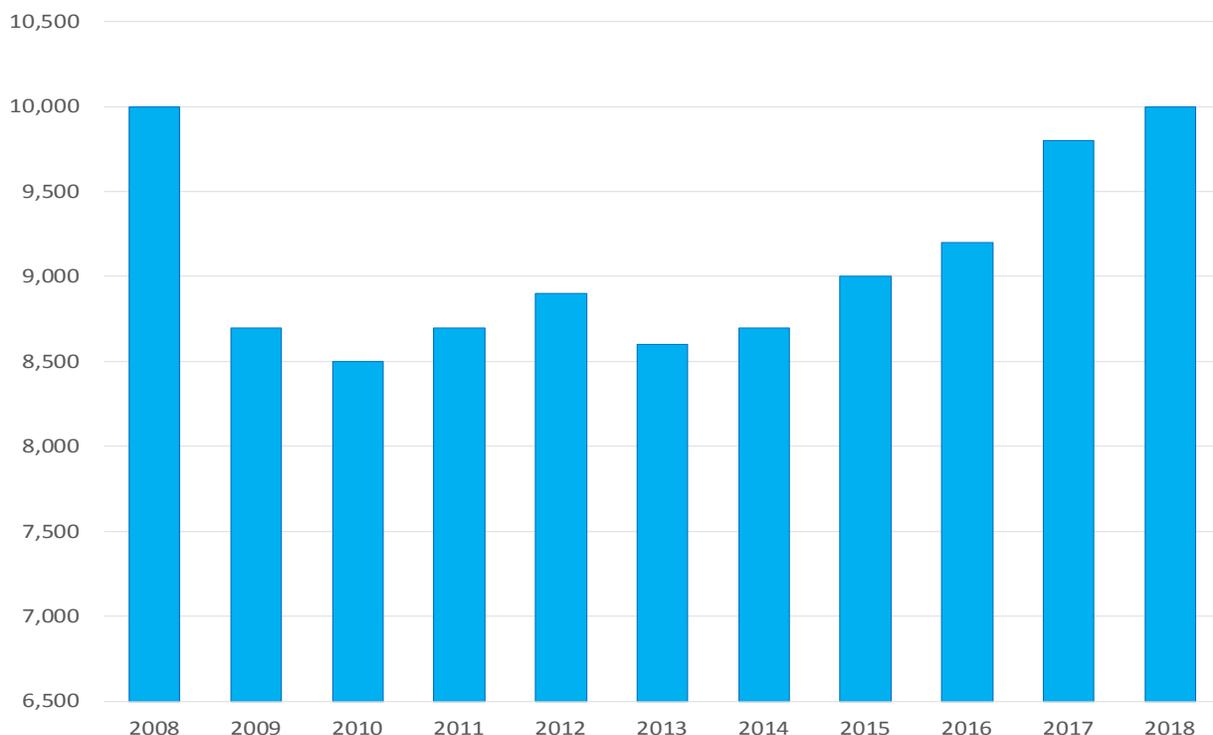
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	58.4	58.7	56.9	-0.3	1.5
Goods Producing	10.0	9.9	9.8	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	48.4	48.8	47.1	-0.4	1.3
Government	9.2	9.3	9.0	-0.1	0.2

Jobs in Goods Providing Industries

June: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

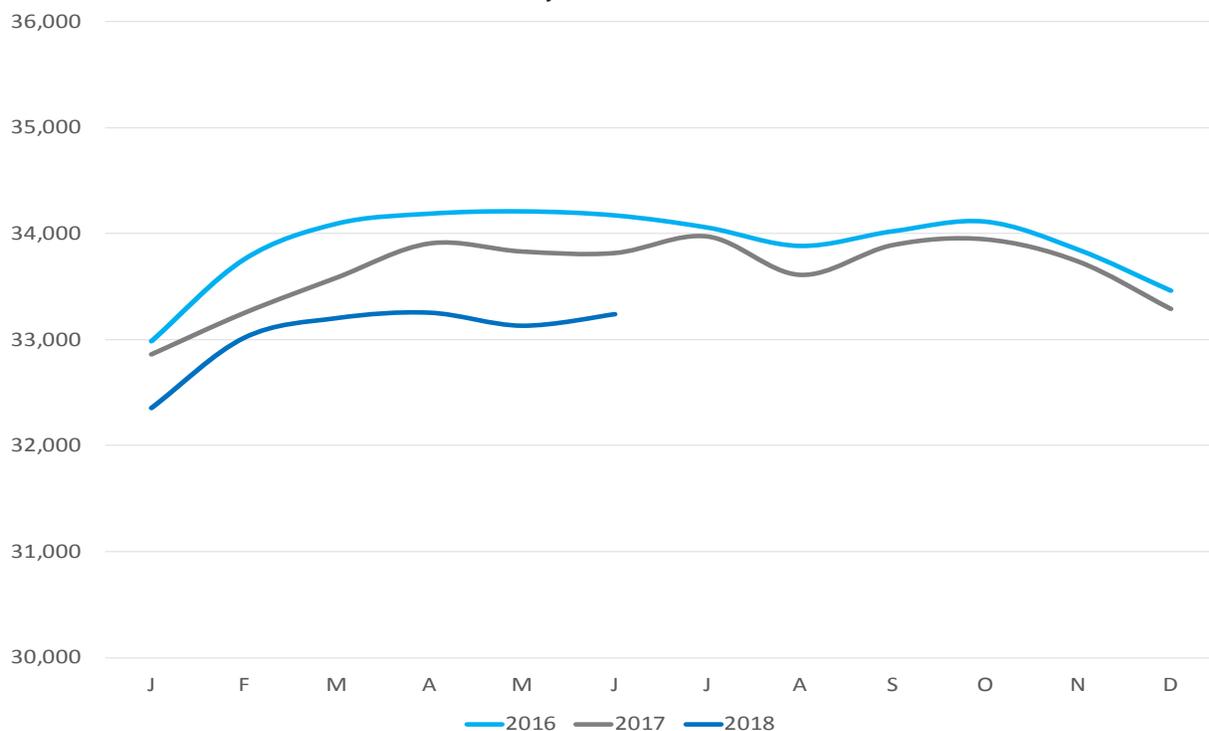
	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	35,199	34,824	35,741	375	-542
Employment	33,240	33,131	33,817	109	-577
Unemployment	1,959	1,693	1,924	266	35
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.9	5.4	0.7	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.6	33.0	32.6	-0.4	0.0
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.1	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.6	27.0	26.5	-0.4	0.1
Government	9.4	9.6	9.3	-0.2	0.1

Number of Employed
January 2016 - June 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

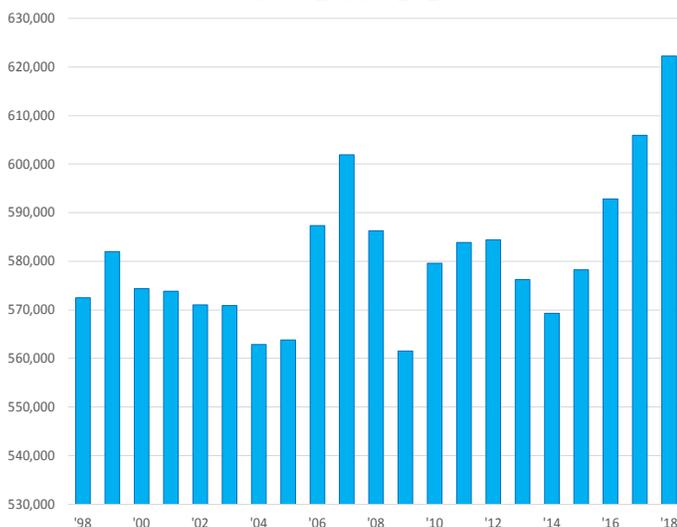
	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	654,114	638,620	636,416	15,494	17,698
Employment	622,262	614,339	605,935	7,923	16,327
Unemployment	31,852	24,281	30,481	7,571	1,371
Unemployment Rate	4.9	3.8	4.8	1.1	0.1

Texarkana MSA

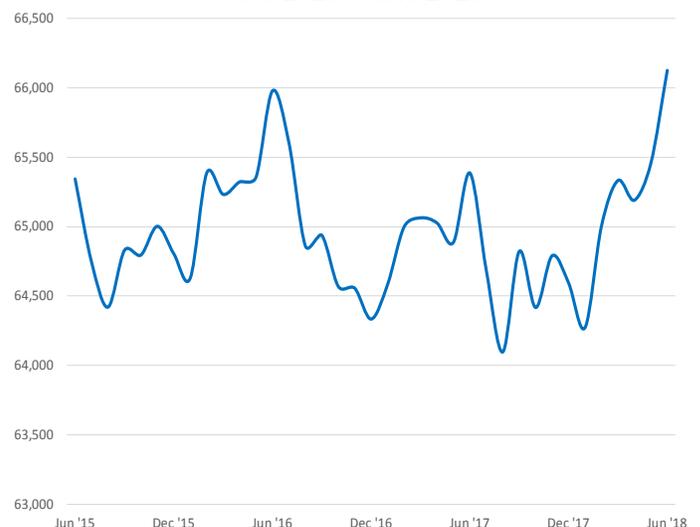
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,125	65,455	65,386	670	739
Employment	62,421	62,278	62,217	143	204
Unemployment	3,704	3,177	3,169	527	535
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.9	4.8	0.7	0.8

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
June: 1998 - 2018



Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force
June 2015 - June 2018



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2018				May 2018				June 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,380	8,951	429	4.6	9,574	9,236	338	3.5	9,322	8,884	438	4.7
Batesville Micro	16,434	15,705	729	4.4	16,319	15,690	629	3.9	16,535	15,779	756	4.6
Blytheville Micro	17,917	16,424	1,493	8.3	17,579	16,528	1,051	6.0	18,303	16,784	1,519	8.3
Camden Micro	12,299	11,704	595	4.8	12,128	11,584	544	4.5	12,402	11,840	562	4.5
El Dorado Micro	16,340	15,319	1,021	6.2	16,012	15,157	855	5.3	16,547	15,569	978	5.9
Forrest City Micro	8,345	7,885	460	5.5	8,182	7,763	419	5.1	8,638	8,168	470	5.4
Harrison Micro	19,527	18,862	665	3.4	19,251	18,620	631	3.3	19,805	19,145	660	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,654	6,229	425	6.4	6,552	6,162	390	6.0	6,841	6,443	398	5.8
Hope Micro	13,604	13,104	500	3.7	13,426	12,978	448	3.3	13,868	13,349	519	3.7
Magnolia Micro	8,902	8,420	482	5.4	9,003	8,563	440	4.9	9,142	8,621	521	5.7
Malvern Micro	14,294	13,665	629	4.4	14,042	13,548	494	3.5	14,491	13,899	592	4.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,574	15,869	705	4.3	16,606	15,981	625	3.8	16,443	15,728	715	4.3
Paragould Micro	19,902	19,126	776	3.9	19,635	19,010	625	3.2	20,308	19,489	819	4.0
Russellville Micro	37,641	35,701	1,940	5.2	37,434	35,879	1,555	4.2	38,722	36,943	1,779	4.6
Searcy Micro	33,577	32,077	1,500	4.5	33,514	32,070	1,444	4.3	34,172	32,555	1,617	4.7

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	June 2018				May 2018				June 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,522	12,027	495	4.0	12,518	12,081	437	3.5	12,448	11,961	487	3.9
Benton	17,445	16,873	572	3.3	17,193	16,699	494	2.9	17,438	16,904	534	3.1
Bentonville	25,669	24,934	735	2.9	25,717	25,046	671	2.6	25,670	24,798	872	3.4
Blytheville	6,150	5,593	557	9.1	6,000	5,628	372	6.2	6,294	5,715	579	9.2
Cabot	11,994	11,588	406	3.4	11,821	11,468	353	3.0	12,074	11,676	398	3.3
Conway	33,787	32,681	1,106	3.3	33,398	32,346	1,052	3.1	33,990	32,789	1,201	3.5
El Dorado	7,222	6,657	565	7.8	7,031	6,587	444	6.3	7,229	6,766	463	6.4
Fayetteville	47,882	46,489	1,393	2.9	47,932	46,697	1,235	2.6	47,686	46,239	1,447	3.0
Fort Smith	39,714	38,247	1,467	3.7	39,285	37,845	1,440	3.7	40,357	38,856	1,501	3.7
Hot Springs	14,741	13,975	766	5.2	14,528	13,863	665	4.6	14,945	14,236	709	4.7
Jacksonville	11,933	11,386	547	4.6	11,747	11,269	478	4.1	11,929	11,406	523	4.4
Jonesboro	38,231	36,921	1,310	3.4	37,850	36,718	1,132	3.0	37,928	36,649	1,279	3.4
Little Rock	98,939	95,359	3,580	3.6	97,624	94,380	3,244	3.3	99,002	95,524	3,478	3.5
North Little Rock	30,363	29,225	1,138	3.7	30,031	28,925	1,106	3.7	30,475	29,275	1,200	3.9
Paragould	12,504	11,993	511	4.1	12,319	11,920	399	3.2	12,781	12,221	560	4.4
Pine Bluff	16,856	15,681	1,175	7.0	16,583	15,633	950	5.7	17,012	15,909	1,103	6.5
Rogers	35,368	34,458	910	2.6	35,450	34,613	837	2.4	35,290	34,270	1,020	2.9
Russellville	13,611	12,974	637	4.7	13,557	13,042	515	3.8	13,999	13,393	606	4.3
Searcy	10,399	9,938	461	4.4	10,358	9,936	422	4.1	10,556	10,086	470	4.5
Sherwood	15,972	15,447	525	3.3	15,743	15,288	455	2.9	15,979	15,474	505	3.2
Springdale	39,513	38,422	1,091	2.8	39,585	38,593	992	2.5	39,229	38,215	1,014	2.6
Texarkana, AR	14,116	13,234	882	6.2	13,788	13,071	717	5.2	14,088	13,348	740	5.3
Van Buren	10,391	10,008	383	3.7	10,293	9,902	391	3.8	10,565	10,191	374	3.5
West Memphis	10,957	10,399	558	5.1	10,752	10,258	494	4.6	10,960	10,365	595	5.4

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2018				May 2018				June 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,922	8,608	314	3.5	8,762	8,486	276	3.1	9,216	8,914	302	3.3
Ashley	7,881	7,452	429	5.4	7,809	7,402	407	5.2	7,769	7,295	474	6.1
Baxter	16,574	15,869	705	4.3	16,606	15,981	625	3.8	16,443	15,728	715	4.3
Benton	133,967	130,000	3,967	3.0	134,195	130,584	3,611	2.7	133,523	129,288	4,235	3.2
Boone	16,115	15,557	558	3.5	15,892	15,357	535	3.4	16,306	15,766	540	3.3
Bradley	4,549	4,342	207	4.6	4,443	4,263	180	4.1	4,509	4,300	209	4.6
Calhoun	2,379	2,275	104	4.4	2,339	2,251	88	3.8	2,422	2,325	97	4.0
Carroll	13,263	12,882	381	2.9	13,045	12,688	357	2.7	13,621	13,213	408	3.0
Chicot	3,468	3,243	225	6.5	3,431	3,209	222	6.5	3,550	3,325	225	6.3
Clark	9,380	8,951	429	4.6	9,574	9,236	338	3.5	9,322	8,884	438	4.7
Clay	5,867	5,600	267	4.6	5,766	5,554	212	3.7	6,104	5,827	277	4.5
Cleburne	9,364	8,951	413	4.4	9,175	8,764	411	4.5	9,677	9,227	450	4.7
Cleveland	3,261	3,124	137	4.2	3,243	3,112	131	4.0	3,367	3,207	160	4.8
Columbia	8,902	8,420	482	5.4	9,003	8,563	440	4.9	9,142	8,621	521	5.7
Conway	8,214	7,826	388	4.7	8,068	7,722	346	4.3	8,457	8,039	418	4.9
Craighead	54,378	52,565	1,813	3.3	53,851	52,276	1,575	2.9	53,962	52,178	1,784	3.3
Crawford	26,629	25,630	999	3.8	26,276	25,359	917	3.5	27,125	26,098	1,027	3.8
Crittenden	22,119	21,051	1,068	4.8	21,691	20,766	925	4.3	22,032	20,982	1,050	4.8
Cross	7,610	7,299	311	4.1	7,465	7,194	271	3.6	8,006	7,682	324	4.0
Dallas	2,889	2,748	141	4.9	2,841	2,716	125	4.4	2,958	2,811	147	5.0
Desha	5,532	5,276	256	4.6	5,437	5,199	238	4.4	5,652	5,361	291	5.1
Drew	7,980	7,569	411	5.2	8,011	7,651	360	4.5	7,930	7,497	433	5.5
Faulkner	61,728	59,618	2,110	3.4	60,959	59,007	1,952	3.2	62,000	59,815	2,185	3.5
Franklin	7,437	7,155	282	3.8	7,344	7,094	250	3.4	7,620	7,342	278	3.6
Fulton	4,954	4,754	200	4.0	4,866	4,688	178	3.7	4,969	4,767	202	4.1
Garland	40,737	38,964	1,773	4.4	40,207	38,651	1,556	3.9	41,465	39,691	1,774	4.3
Grant	8,418	8,140	278	3.3	8,293	8,055	238	2.9	8,485	8,196	289	3.4
Greene	19,902	19,126	776	3.9	19,635	19,010	625	3.2	20,308	19,489	819	4.0
Hempstead	9,950	9,594	356	3.6	9,830	9,502	328	3.3	10,161	9,789	372	3.7
Hot Spring	14,294	13,665	629	4.4	14,042	13,548	494	3.5	14,491	13,899	592	4.1
Howard	6,331	6,099	232	3.7	6,253	6,067	186	3.0	6,177	5,968	209	3.4
Independence	16,434	15,705	729	4.4	16,319	15,690	629	3.9	16,535	15,779	756	4.6
Izard	4,789	4,491	298	6.2	4,822	4,577	245	5.1	4,911	4,630	281	5.7
Jackson	5,854	5,491	363	6.2	5,773	5,462	311	5.4	6,075	5,719	356	5.9
Jefferson	27,940	26,305	1,635	5.9	27,621	26,224	1,397	5.1	28,279	26,688	1,591	5.6
Johnson	10,609	10,071	538	5.1	10,468	10,031	437	4.2	10,853	10,369	484	4.5
Lafayette	2,526	2,382	144	5.7	2,501	2,381	120	4.8	2,571	2,428	143	5.6
Lawrence	6,769	6,469	300	4.4	6,853	6,605	248	3.6	6,917	6,639	278	4.0
Lee	2,935	2,785	150	5.1	2,894	2,769	125	4.3	3,051	2,899	152	5.0
Lincoln	3,998	3,811	187	4.7	3,960	3,795	165	4.2	4,095	3,922	173	4.2
Little River	5,708	5,364	344	6.0	5,586	5,295	291	5.2	5,695	5,405	290	5.1
Logan	8,914	8,533	381	4.3	8,780	8,439	341	3.9	9,180	8,803	377	4.1
Lonoke	34,068	32,929	1,139	3.3	33,596	32,589	1,007	3.0	34,324	33,178	1,146	3.3
Madison	7,495	7,276	219	2.9	7,489	7,295	194	2.6	7,588	7,366	222	2.9
Marion	6,598	6,331	267	4.0	6,524	6,277	247	3.8	6,654	6,391	263	4.0
Miller	20,258	19,146	1,112	5.5	19,868	18,910	958	4.8	20,280	19,311	969	4.8

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	June 2018				May 2018				June 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,917	16,424	1,493	8.3	17,579	16,528	1,051	6.0	18,303	16,784	1,519	8.3
Monroe	2,820	2,676	144	5.1	2,762	2,649	113	4.1	2,937	2,817	120	4.1
Montgomery	3,220	3,064	156	4.8	3,064	2,931	133	4.3	3,328	3,169	159	4.8
Nevada	3,654	3,510	144	3.9	3,596	3,476	120	3.3	3,707	3,560	147	4.0
Newton	3,412	3,305	107	3.1	3,359	3,263	96	2.9	3,499	3,379	120	3.4
Ouachita	9,920	9,429	491	4.9	9,789	9,333	456	4.7	9,980	9,515	465	4.7
Perry	4,225	4,044	181	4.3	4,169	4,003	166	4.0	4,254	4,081	173	4.1
Phillips	6,654	6,229	425	6.4	6,552	6,162	390	6.0	6,841	6,443	398	5.8
Pike	4,494	4,297	197	4.4	4,407	4,238	169	3.8	4,488	4,296	192	4.3
Poinsett	10,416	9,959	457	4.4	10,265	9,899	366	3.6	10,471	10,001	470	4.5
Polk	8,130	7,755	375	4.6	7,954	7,634	320	4.0	8,318	7,946	372	4.5
Pope	29,102	27,565	1,537	5.3	28,925	27,711	1,214	4.2	29,860	28,456	1,404	4.7
Prairie	3,643	3,511	132	3.6	3,601	3,482	119	3.3	3,858	3,703	155	4.0
Pulaski	191,842	184,897	6,945	3.6	189,361	183,000	6,361	3.4	192,071	185,217	6,854	3.6
Randolph	7,029	6,713	316	4.5	6,947	6,689	258	3.7	7,040	6,741	299	4.2
St. Francis	8,345	7,885	460	5.5	8,182	7,763	419	5.1	8,638	8,168	470	5.4
Saline	58,353	56,431	1,922	3.3	57,573	55,851	1,722	3.0	58,386	56,536	1,850	3.2
Scott	4,456	4,284	172	3.9	4,374	4,220	154	3.5	4,577	4,421	156	3.4
Searcy	3,040	2,912	128	4.2	2,930	2,817	113	3.9	3,110	2,970	140	4.5
Sebastian	57,055	54,954	2,101	3.7	56,395	54,376	2,019	3.6	58,042	55,829	2,213	3.8
Sevier	5,689	5,423	266	4.7	5,656	5,414	242	4.3	5,796	5,534	262	4.5
Sharp	6,160	5,862	298	4.8	6,009	5,761	248	4.1	6,283	5,969	314	5.0
Stone	4,894	4,688	206	4.2	4,763	4,571	192	4.0	5,071	4,834	237	4.7
Union	16,340	15,319	1,021	6.2	16,012	15,157	855	5.3	16,547	15,569	978	5.9
Van Buren	6,116	5,796	320	5.2	6,013	5,713	300	5.0	6,284	5,954	330	5.3
Washington	123,928	120,492	3,436	2.8	124,085	121,032	3,053	2.5	123,278	119,845	3,433	2.8
White	33,577	32,077	1,500	4.5	33,514	32,070	1,444	4.3	34,172	32,555	1,617	4.7
Woodruff	2,899	2,765	134	4.6	2,874	2,752	122	4.2	3,041	2,898	143	4.7
Yell	8,539	8,136	403	4.7	8,509	8,168	341	4.0	8,862	8,487	375	4.2

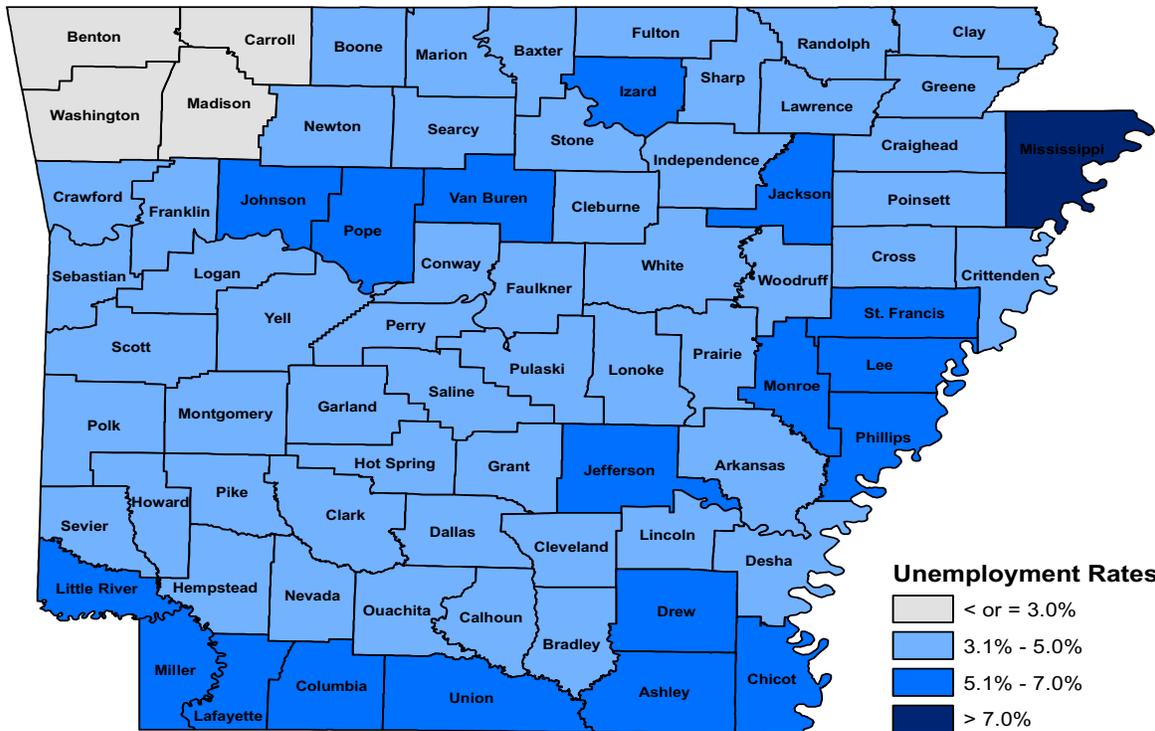
County Labor Force Summary

Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. The rate in Cleburne County declined slightly, while Chicot County was unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.3 percent in Mississippi County.

In June, twenty-four counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 43 counties at or below four percent in May. For the first time in three months, one county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to June 2017, unemployment rates are up in 35 Arkansas counties. Rates in twenty-eight counties were down over-the-year, while twelve counties were the same.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.8	26	Cleveland	4.2	48	Yell	4.7
2	Carroll	2.9	26	Searcy	4.2	52	Crittenden	4.8
2	Madison	2.9	26	Stone	4.2	52	Montgomery	4.8
4	Benton	3.0	29	Baxter	4.3	52	Sharp	4.8
5	Newton	3.1	29	Logan	4.3	55	Dallas	4.9
6	Craighead	3.3	29	Perry	4.3	55	Ouachita	4.9
6	Grant	3.3	32	Calhoun	4.4	57	Johnson	5.1
6	Lonoke	3.3	32	Cleburne	4.4	57	Lee	5.1
6	Saline	3.3	32	Garland	4.4	57	Monroe	5.1
10	Faulkner	3.4	32	Hot Spring	4.4	60	Drew	5.2
11	Arkansas	3.5	32	Independence	4.4	60	Van Buren	5.2
11	Boone	3.5	32	Lawrence	4.4	62	Pope	5.3
13	Hempstead	3.6	32	Pike	4.4	63	Ashley	5.4
13	Prairie	3.6	32	Poinsett	4.4	63	Columbia	5.4
13	Pulaski	3.6	40	Randolph	4.5	65	Miller	5.5
16	Howard	3.7	40	White	4.5	65	St. Francis	5.5
16	Sebastian	3.7	42	Bradley	4.6	67	Lafayette	5.7
18	Crawford	3.8	42	Clark	4.6	68	Jefferson	5.9
18	Franklin	3.8	42	Clay	4.6	69	Little River	6.0
20	Greene	3.9	42	Desha	4.6	70	Izard	6.2
20	Nevada	3.9	42	Polk	4.6	70	Jackson	6.2
20	Scott	3.9	42	Woodruff	4.6	70	Union	6.2
23	Fulton	4.0	48	Conway	4.7	73	Phillips	6.4
23	Marion	4.0	48	Lincoln	4.7	74	Chicot	6.5
25	Cross	4.1	48	Sevier	4.7	75	Mississippi	8.3

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	June 2018				May 2018				June 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,515	244,703	8,812	3.5	250,228	242,198	8,030	3.2	254,574	245,742	8,832	3.5
City of Little Rock	98,939	95,359	3,580	3.6	97,624	94,380	3,244	3.3	99,002	95,524	3,478	3.5
Eastern	47,663	45,249	2,414	5.1	46,784	44,654	2,130	4.6	48,568	46,174	2,394	4.9
North Central	95,041	90,580	4,461	4.7	94,128	90,048	4,080	4.3	97,018	92,332	4,686	4.8
Northeast	122,278	116,856	5,422	4.4	120,896	116,561	4,335	3.6	123,105	117,659	5,446	4.4
Northwest	324,392	314,624	9,768	3.0	324,125	315,294	8,831	2.7	324,022	313,946	10,076	3.1
Southeast	81,949	77,870	4,079	5.0	81,010	77,396	3,614	4.5	82,852	78,705	4,147	5.0
Southwest	94,546	89,709	4,837	5.1	93,274	89,065	4,209	4.5	95,436	90,836	4,600	4.8
West Central	132,814	126,583	6,231	4.7	131,433	126,239	5,194	4.0	135,380	129,371	6,009	4.4
Western	112,621	108,311	4,310	3.8	111,123	107,122	4,001	3.6	114,862	110,439	4,423	3.9

