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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 2022 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.

## June Spotlight

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates 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 1,000 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 quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for 2nd Quarter 2023.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

### Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

3rd Quarter 2022 - 2nd Quarter 2023 (Average)

U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
0.9%	1.4%	3.3%	3.4%	4.1%	6.0%

**U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**U-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).

**U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

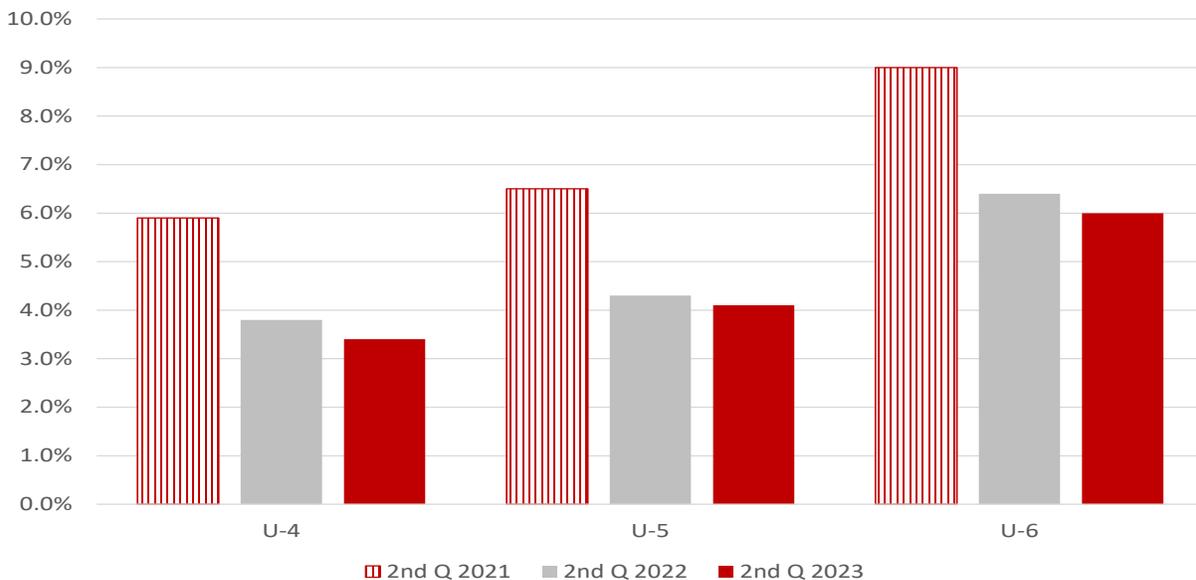
**U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

### Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison of 2nd Quarter



**State of Arkansas**

**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 2.7% in May to 2.6% in June. This sets another record low unemployment rate for the State. At 3.6%, the United States’ jobless rate also declined one-tenth of a percentage point over the month.

In June, the civilian labor force in Arkansas increased by 2,903, breaking last month’s record high. Employment rose by 4,221 to a new high of 1,347,866, while unemployment decreased to a new low of 35,815. Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined to 2.6% as the labor force participation rate inched up to 57.6%.

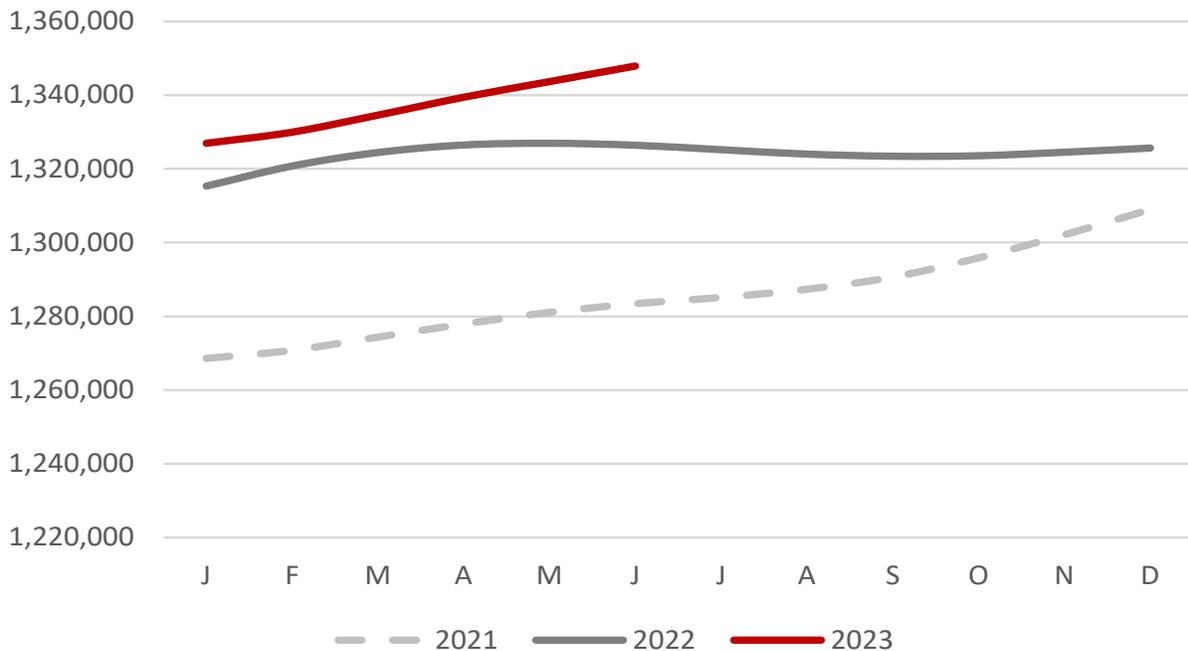
Compared to June 2022, there are 21,415 more employed and 8,562 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is down six-tenths of a percentage point over the year and the labor force participation rate is now just one-tenth of a percentage point lower than last June.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,383,681	1,380,778	1,370,828	Civilian Labor Force	1,404,953	1,384,399	1,386,965
Employment	1,347,866	1,343,645	1,326,451	Employment	1,362,367	1,349,823	1,335,009
Unemployment	35,815	37,133	44,377	Unemployment	42,586	34,576	51,956
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%	Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.5%	3.7%
LF Participation Rate	57.6%	57.5%	57.7%	LF Participation Rate	58.5%	57.7%	58.3%

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2021 - June 2023



## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

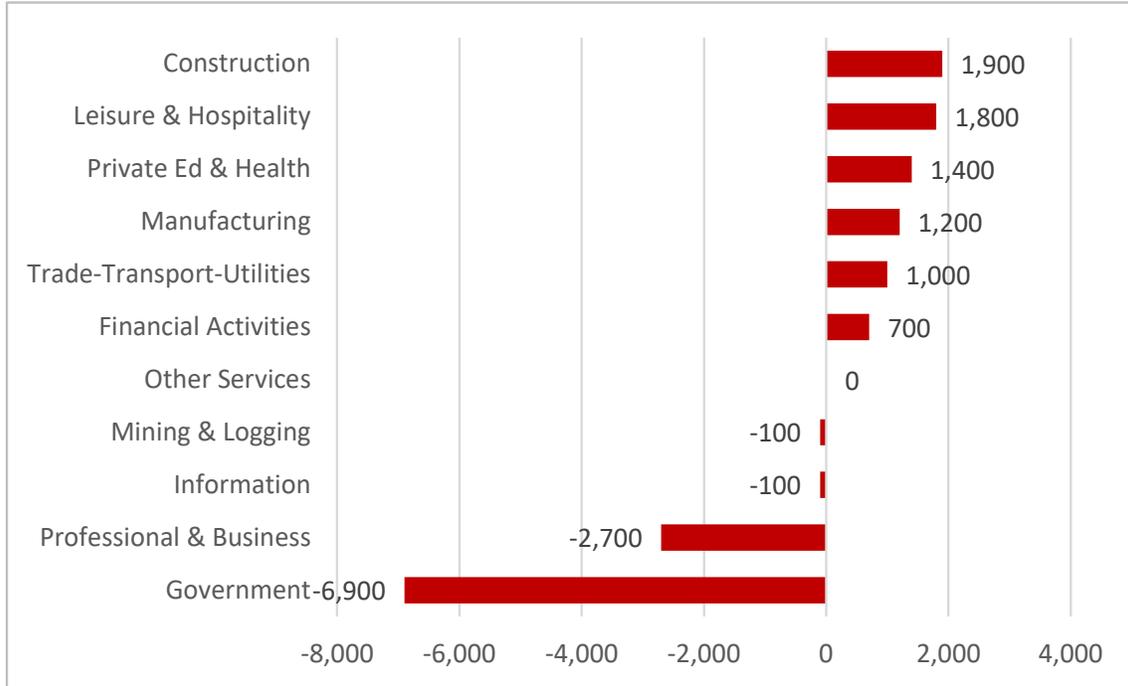
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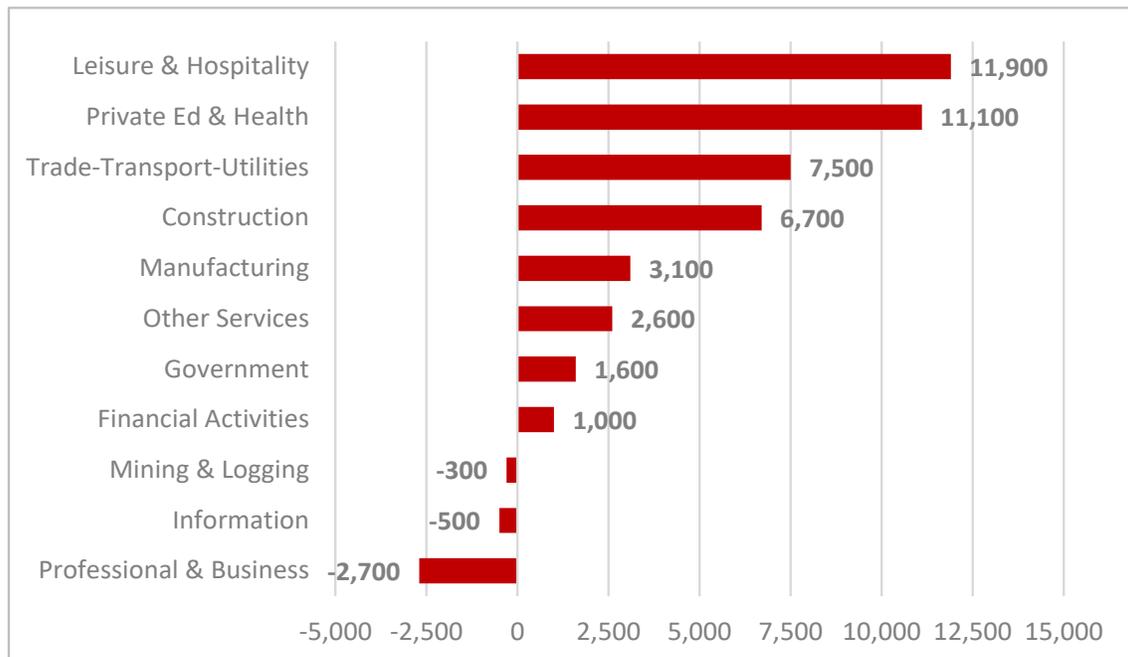
(NAICS)	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1366.6	1368.4	1324.6	-1.8	42.0
Goods Producing	235.1	232.1	225.6	3.0	9.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	69.3	67.5	62.9	1.8	6.4
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	39.5	38.6	36.3	0.9	3.2
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>165.8</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Durable Goods	81.2	80.1	79.2	1.1	2.0
Nondurable Goods	84.6	84.5	83.5	0.1	1.1
Service Providing	1131.5	1136.3	1099.0	-4.8	32.5
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>273.8</b>	<b>272.8</b>	<b>266.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Wholesale Trade	54.6	53.7	50.4	0.9	4.2
Retail Trade	143.7	143.2	142.9	0.5	0.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	75.5	75.9	73.0	-0.4	2.5
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Finance & Insurance	56.8	56.3	55.8	0.5	1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.8	14.6	14.8	0.2	0.0
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>150.5</b>	<b>153.2</b>	<b>153.2</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	48.7	49.3	47.3	-0.6	1.4
Management of Companies	39.1	40.1	37.7	-1.0	1.4
Administrative & Support Services	62.7	63.8	68.2	-1.1	-5.5
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>204.6</b>	<b>194.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Private Educational Services	16.9	18.4	14.3	-1.5	2.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	189.1	186.2	180.6	2.9	8.5
Ambulatory Health Care	66.2	65.8	62.4	0.4	3.8
Social Assistance	39.2	37.8	36.9	1.4	2.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>135.1</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18.0	16.4	14.6	1.6	3.4
Accommodation & Food Services	118.9	118.7	110.4	0.2	8.5
Accommodation Services	12.4	12.0	11.9	0.4	0.5
Food Services	106.5	106.7	98.5	-0.2	8.0
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>204.4</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Federal Government	21.1	21.0	20.5	0.1	0.6
State Government	72.7	77.7	72.7	-5.0	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	26.6	31.5	26.4	-4.9	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.1	46.2	46.3	-0.1	-0.2
Local Government	112.2	114.2	111.2	-2.0	1.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	66.8	70.1	66.3	-3.3	0.5
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.4	44.1	44.9	1.3	0.5

## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
 May 2023 - June 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
 June 2022 - June 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

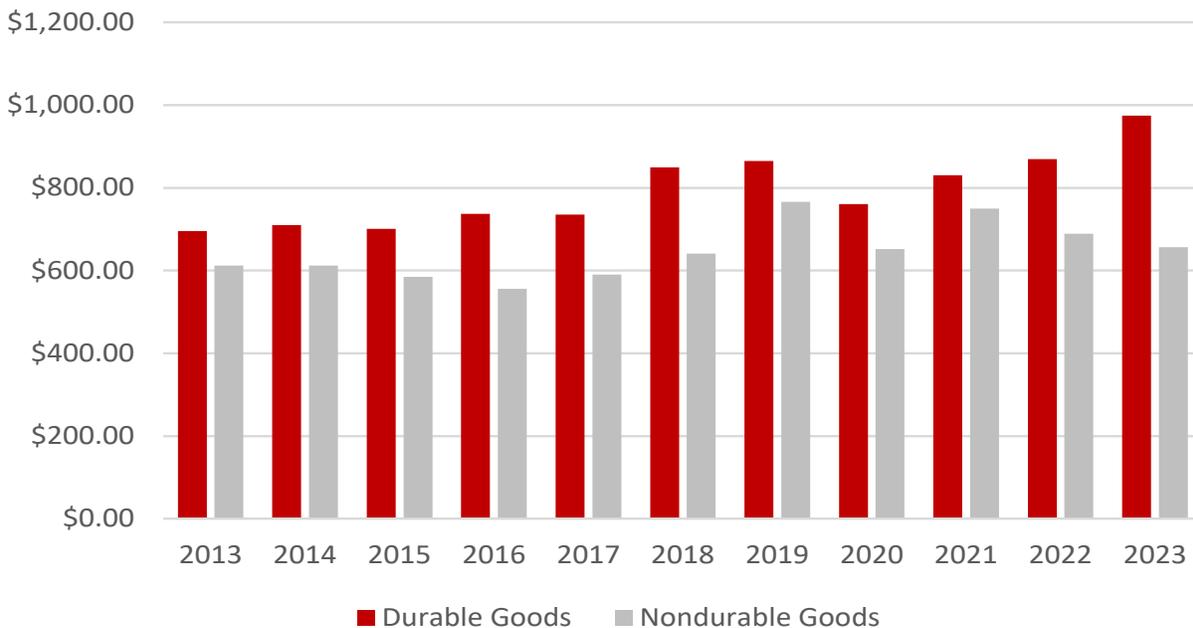
### Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.1	38.7	38.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.26	\$21.65	\$19.99
Average Weekly Earnings	\$810.01	\$837.86	\$775.61

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>		<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.6	43.4	40.2	Average Weekly Hours	34.8	34.3	37.5
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.42	\$24.23	\$21.63	Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.86	\$18.65	\$18.38
Average Weekly Earnings	\$974.27	\$1,051.58	\$869.53	Average Weekly Earnings	\$656.33	\$639.70	\$689.25

**Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**  
 June: 2013 - 2023



## 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 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	372,582	364,746	364,562	7,836	8,020
Employment	362,382	356,179	351,602	6,203	10,780
Unemployment	10,200	8,567	12,960	1,633	-2,760
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.3%	3.6%	0.4%	-0.9%

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	389.7	386.9	373.8	2.8	15.9
Goods Producing	40.7	40.1	38.4	0.6	2.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	20.6	20.1	18.9	0.5	1.7
Manufacturing	20.1	20.0	19.5	0.1	0.6
Service Providing	349.0	346.8	335.4	2.2	13.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.6	77.6	76.1	1.0	2.5
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.2	16.8	0.1	1.5
Retail Trade	39.1	38.3	38.5	0.8	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.2	21.1	20.8	0.1	0.4
Information	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	24.9	24.7	24.5	0.2	0.4
Professional & Business Services	48.2	48.5	47.9	-0.3	0.3
Private Education & Health Services	64.9	63.8	59.9	1.1	5.0
Leisure & Hospitality	38.8	37.8	34.3	1.0	4.5
Other Services	19.7	19.6	19.0	0.1	0.7
Government	68.2	69.1	68.1	-0.9	0.1
Federal Government	10.0	10.0	9.8	0.0	0.2
State Government	32.8	33.7	33.2	-0.9	-0.4
Local Government	25.4	25.4	25.1	0.0	0.3

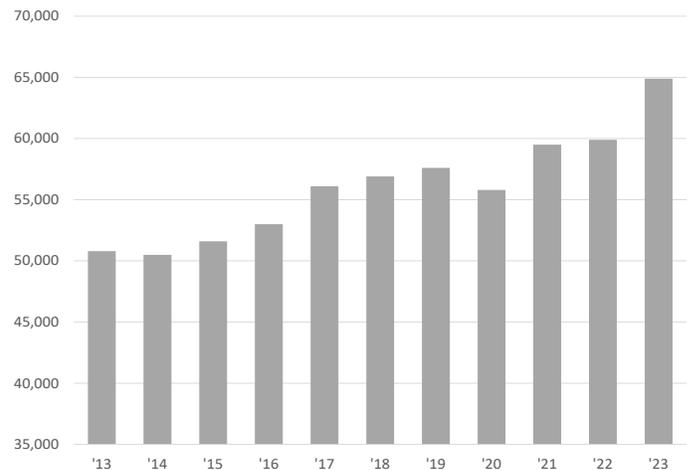
### Unemployment

June 2020 - June 2023



### Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

June: 2013 - 2023



## 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>Jun 23</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>Jun 22</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	316,183	314,872	305,345	1,311	10,838
Employment	308,909	308,959	296,857	-50	12,052
Unemployment	7,274	5,913	8,488	1,361	-1,214
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	1.9%	2.8%	0.4%	-0.5%

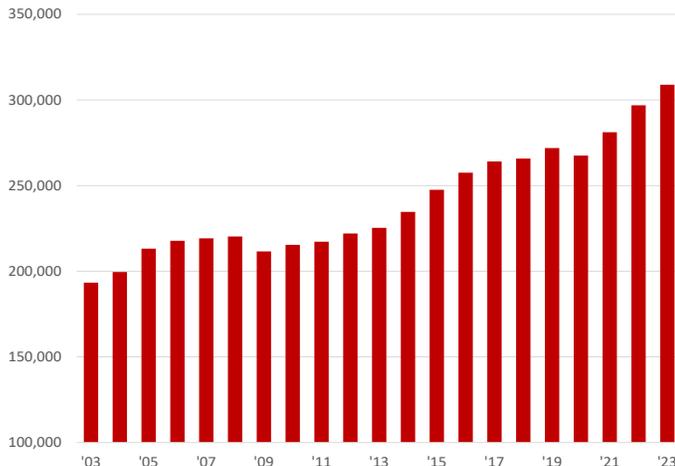
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Jun 23</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>Jun 22</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	305.6	309.0	290.7	-3.4	14.9
<b>Goods Producing</b>	48.8	48.5	46.4	0.3	2.4
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	16.5	16.2	14.7	0.3	1.8
<b>Manufacturing</b>	32.3	32.3	31.7	0.0	0.6
<b>Service Providing</b>	256.8	260.5	244.3	-3.7	12.5
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	63.9	63.8	60.3	0.1	3.6
Wholesale Trade	14.5	14.3	13.2	0.2	1.3
Retail Trade	28.7	29.0	28.5	-0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.7	20.5	18.6	0.2	2.1
<b>Information</b>	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
<b>Financial Activities</b>	10.4	10.2	10.1	0.2	0.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	57.6	59.5	57.5	-1.9	0.1
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	34.7	34.4	32.4	0.3	2.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	31.8	31.3	28.7	0.5	3.1
<b>Other Services</b>	16.0	15.9	15.0	0.1	1.0
<b>Government</b>	40.1	43.1	37.9	-3.0	2.2
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	0.3
State Government	16.6	19.7	15.4	-3.1	1.2
Local Government	20.4	20.3	19.7	0.1	0.7

#### Employment

June: 2003 - 2023



#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

June 2020 - June 2023



## 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 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	121,123	119,441	119,879	1,682	1,244
Employment	117,051	116,219	115,395	832	1,656
Unemployment	4,072	3,222	4,484	850	-412
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.7%	3.7%	0.7%	-0.3%

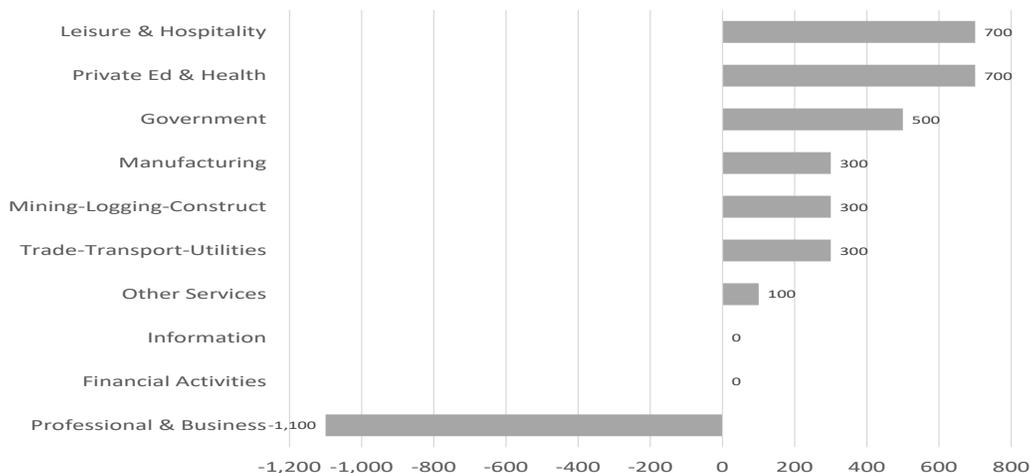
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	115.5	116.0	113.7	-0.5	1.8
Goods Producing	24.3	24.3	23.7	0.0	0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.5	5.5	5.2	0.0	0.3
Manufacturing	18.8	18.8	18.5	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	91.2	91.7	90.0	-0.5	1.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.4	24.5	24.1	-0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	12.9	13.0	13.1	-0.1	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.3	0.0	0.2
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	10.9	11.2	12.0	-0.3	-1.1
Private Education & Health Services	18.2	18.1	17.5	0.1	0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	10.6	10.4	9.9	0.2	0.7
Other Services	3.7	3.6	3.6	0.1	0.1
Government	17.8	18.3	17.3	-0.5	0.5
Federal Government	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
State Government	2.2	2.4	2.3	-0.2	-0.1
Local Government	14.2	14.6	13.7	-0.4	0.5

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

June 2022 vs June 2023



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,773	41,993	43,092	780	-319
Employment	41,301	40,782	41,260	519	41
Unemployment	1,472	1,211	1,832	261	-360
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.9%	4.3%	0.5%	-0.9%

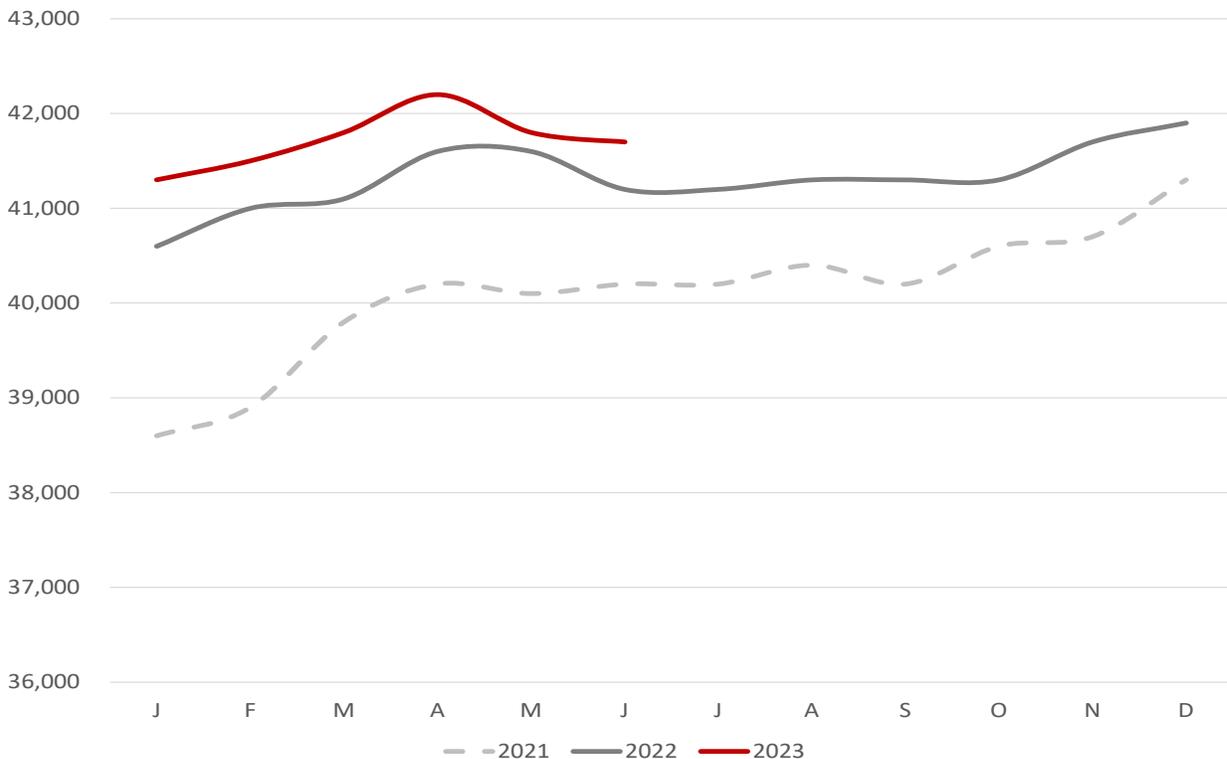
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.7	41.8	41.2	-0.1	0.5
Goods Producing	4.8	4.7	4.6	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	36.9	37.1	36.6	-0.2	0.3
Government	3.9	4.2	4.2	-0.3	-0.3

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2021 - June 2023



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	69,566	68,527	68,408	1,039	1,158
Employment	67,749	67,044	66,133	705	1,616
Unemployment	1,817	1,483	2,275	334	-458
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.2%	3.3%	0.4%	-0.7%

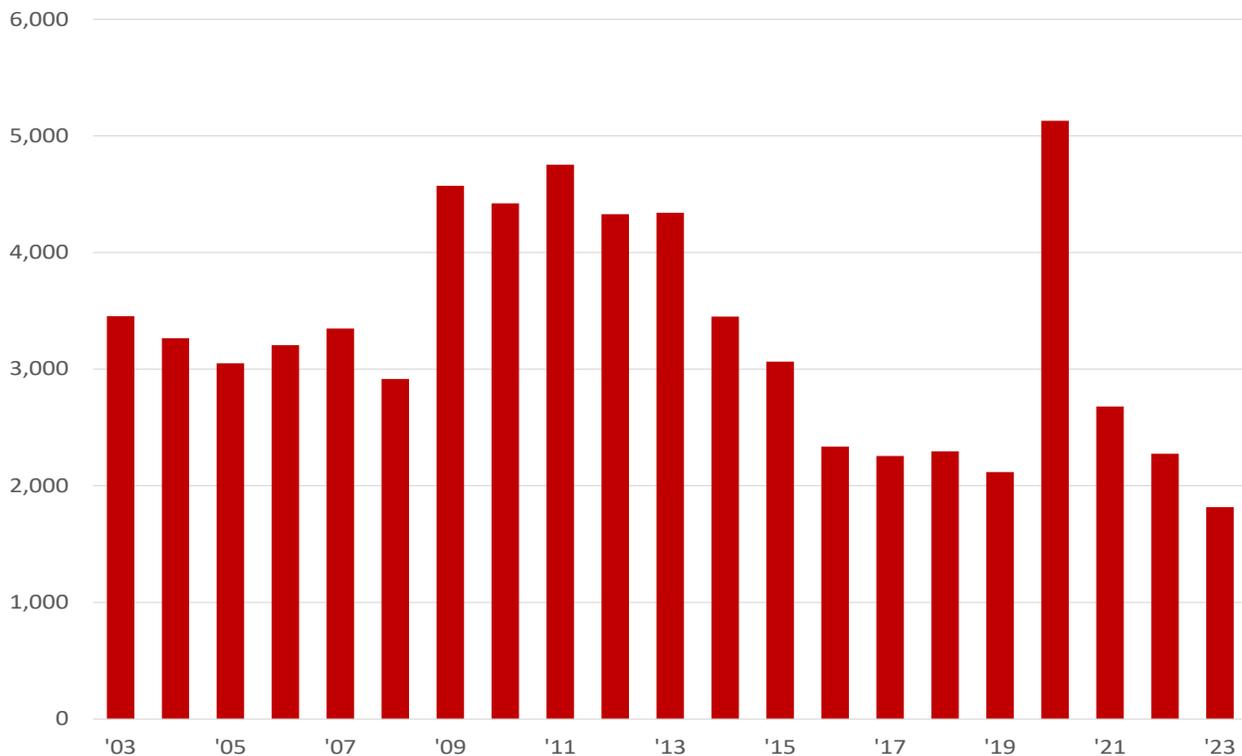
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.0	65.2	63.1	-0.2	1.9
Goods Producing	12.4	12.3	12.0	0.1	0.4
Service Providing	52.6	52.9	51.1	-0.3	1.5
Government	9.0	9.3	8.6	-0.3	0.4

### Unemployment

June: 2003 - 2023



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,873	32,311	32,989	562	-116
Employment	31,561	31,191	31,249	370	312
Unemployment	1,312	1,120	1,740	192	-428
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.5%	5.3%	0.5%	-1.3%

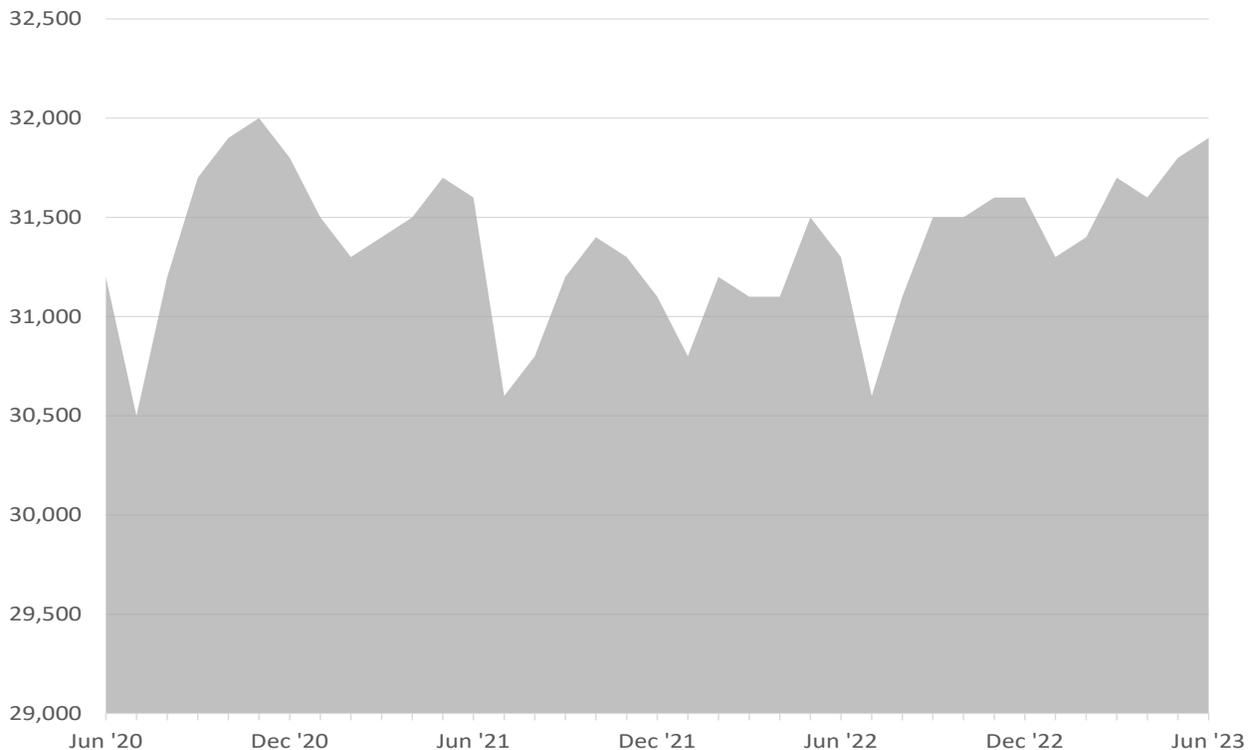
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.9	31.8	31.3	0.1	0.6
Goods Producing	5.7	5.5	5.3	0.2	0.4
Service Providing	26.2	26.3	26.0	-0.1	0.2
Government	8.6	8.7	8.6	-0.1	0.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

June 2020 - June 2023



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Out-of-State MSA

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

#### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

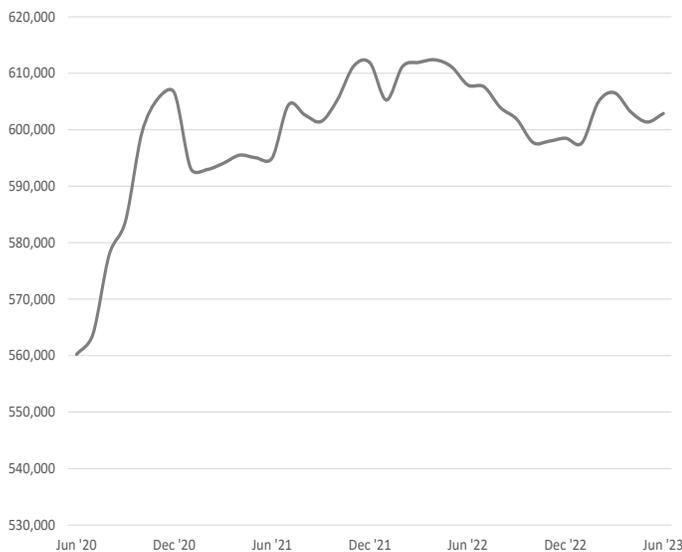
	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	631,780	625,059	638,889	6,721	-7,109
Employment	602,875	601,365	607,920	1,510	-5,045
Unemployment	28,905	23,694	30,969	5,211	-2,064
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	3.8%	4.8%	0.8%	-0.2%

#### Texarkana MSA

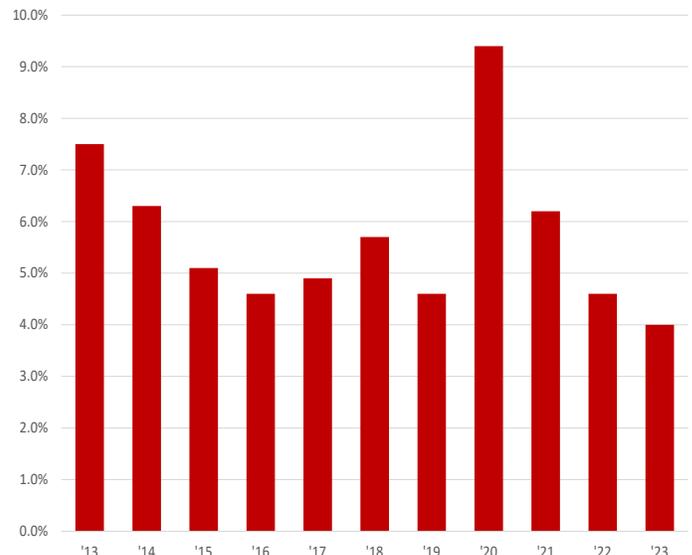
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,379	62,775	63,507	604	-128
Employment	60,830	60,379	60,567	451	263
Unemployment	2,549	2,396	2,940	153	-391
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.8%	4.6%	0.2%	-0.6%

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
 June 2020 - June 2023



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
 June: 2013 - 2023



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2023				May 2023				June 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,426	8,014	412	4.9	8,520	8,215	305	3.6	8,486	7,998	488	5.8
Batesville Micro	17,108	16,489	619	3.6	16,943	16,512	431	2.5	16,886	16,221	665	3.9
Blytheville Micro	16,794	15,903	891	5.3	16,466	15,762	704	4.3	16,591	15,594	997	6.0
Camden Micro	12,245	11,850	395	3.2	12,102	11,750	352	2.9	12,318	11,823	495	4.0
El Dorado Micro	14,958	14,325	633	4.2	14,694	14,166	528	3.6	15,171	14,396	775	5.1
Forrest City Micro	7,733	7,404	329	4.3	7,607	7,317	290	3.8	7,781	7,387	394	5.1
Harrison Micro	19,552	18,987	565	2.9	19,246	18,790	456	2.4	19,541	18,897	644	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,480	5,181	299	5.5	5,440	5,176	264	4.9	5,593	5,242	351	6.3
Hope Micro	13,044	12,603	441	3.4	12,801	12,485	316	2.5	13,050	12,542	508	3.9
Magnolia Micro	8,702	8,347	355	4.1	8,827	8,519	308	3.5	8,864	8,425	439	5.0
Malvern Micro	14,193	13,724	469	3.3	13,935	13,563	372	2.7	14,139	13,558	581	4.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,813	16,253	560	3.3	16,598	16,149	449	2.7	17,210	16,520	690	4.0
Paragould Micro	20,246	19,628	618	3.1	19,950	19,428	522	2.6	20,070	19,338	732	3.6
Russellville Micro	35,790	34,400	1,390	3.9	35,651	34,612	1,039	2.9	35,703	34,066	1,637	4.6
Searcy Micro	34,831	33,692	1,139	3.3	34,481	33,542	939	2.7	34,897	33,508	1,389	4.0

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 2023				May 2023				June 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,585	13,190	395	2.9	13,499	13,192	307	2.3	13,147	12,674	473	3.6
Benton	18,596	18,092	504	2.7	18,184	17,785	399	2.2	18,189	17,570	619	3.4
Bentonville	32,957	32,255	702	2.1	32,835	32,261	574	1.7	31,826	30,994	832	2.6
Blytheville	5,710	5,323	387	6.8	5,540	5,276	264	4.8	5,602	5,220	382	6.8
Cabot	12,520	12,216	304	2.4	12,267	11,993	274	2.2	12,195	11,801	394	3.2
Conway	36,069	35,102	967	2.7	35,322	34,492	830	2.3	35,226	34,056	1,170	3.3
El Dorado	6,444	6,165	279	4.3	6,333	6,096	237	3.7	6,577	6,195	382	5.8
Fayetteville	53,826	52,586	1,240	2.3	53,629	52,584	1,045	1.9	52,094	50,554	1,540	3.0
Fort Smith	39,336	37,988	1,348	3.4	38,703	37,772	931	2.4	39,125	37,749	1,376	3.5
Hot Springs	15,873	15,284	589	3.7	15,569	15,092	477	3.1	16,061	15,268	793	4.9
Jacksonville	12,052	11,673	379	3.1	11,804	11,477	327	2.8	11,840	11,335	505	4.3
Jonesboro	41,914	40,822	1,092	2.6	41,311	40,414	897	2.2	41,235	39,906	1,329	3.2
Little Rock	100,878	97,972	2,906	2.9	98,787	96,324	2,463	2.5	98,919	95,134	3,785	3.8
North Little Rock	31,085	30,127	958	3.1	30,450	29,620	830	2.7	30,512	29,254	1,258	4.1
Paragould	12,881	12,474	407	3.2	12,692	12,347	345	2.7	12,785	12,290	495	3.9
Pine Bluff	15,381	14,664	717	4.7	15,124	14,507	617	4.1	15,497	14,556	941	6.1
Rogers	40,447	39,571	876	2.2	40,310	39,578	732	1.8	39,019	38,024	995	2.6
Russellville	12,864	12,380	484	3.8	12,862	12,471	391	3.0	12,876	12,297	579	4.5
Searcy	10,519	10,174	345	3.3	10,418	10,129	289	2.8	10,551	10,119	432	4.1
Sherwood	16,870	16,442	428	2.5	16,541	16,165	376	2.3	16,490	15,965	525	3.2
Springdale	42,901	41,996	905	2.1	42,749	41,996	753	1.8	41,406	40,371	1,035	2.5
Texarkana, AR	13,146	12,652	494	3.8	12,860	12,470	390	3.0	13,207	12,587	620	4.7
Van Buren	10,550	10,162	388	3.7	10,324	10,097	227	2.2	10,456	10,070	386	3.7
West Memphis	10,244	9,792	452	4.4	10,044	9,664	380	3.8	10,277	9,739	538	5.2

## County Labor Force Statistics

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2023				May 2023				June 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,350	9,126	224	2.4	9,086	8,902	184	2.0	9,597	9,260	337	3.5
Ashley	6,646	6,301	345	5.2	6,559	6,265	294	4.5	6,922	6,535	387	5.6
Baxter	16,813	16,253	560	3.3	16,598	16,149	449	2.7	17,210	16,520	690	4.0
Benton	157,527	153,886	3,641	2.3	156,883	153,915	2,968	1.9	152,153	147,869	4,284	2.8
Boone	16,277	15,811	466	2.9	16,033	15,656	377	2.4	16,290	15,755	535	3.3
Bradley	4,073	3,903	170	4.2	3,978	3,822	156	3.9	4,140	3,929	211	5.1
Calhoun	2,411	2,349	62	2.6	2,374	2,323	51	2.1	2,403	2,320	83	3.5
Carroll	12,845	12,516	329	2.6	12,401	12,128	273	2.2	13,068	12,673	395	3.0
Chicot	3,008	2,850	158	5.3	2,924	2,800	124	4.2	3,004	2,800	204	6.8
Clark	8,426	8,014	412	4.9	8,520	8,215	305	3.6	8,486	7,998	488	5.8
Clay	5,564	5,360	204	3.7	5,450	5,291	159	2.9	5,517	5,269	248	4.5
Cleburne	9,250	8,918	332	3.6	8,966	8,694	272	3.0	9,338	8,915	423	4.5
Cleveland	3,139	3,038	101	3.2	3,071	2,993	78	2.5	3,124	2,983	141	4.5
Columbia	8,702	8,347	355	4.1	8,827	8,519	308	3.5	8,864	8,425	439	5.0
Conway	8,550	8,256	294	3.4	8,371	8,132	239	2.9	8,701	8,339	362	4.2
Craighead	59,310	57,805	1,505	2.5	58,465	57,228	1,237	2.1	58,391	56,508	1,883	3.2
Crawford	26,890	26,007	883	3.3	26,474	25,842	632	2.4	26,766	25,773	993	3.7
Crittenden	20,873	20,066	807	3.9	20,454	19,804	650	3.2	20,914	19,958	956	4.6
Cross	7,020	6,804	216	3.1	6,876	6,701	175	2.5	7,121	6,833	288	4.0
Dallas	2,689	2,592	97	3.6	2,661	2,578	83	3.1	2,743	2,620	123	4.5
Desha	4,974	4,771	203	4.1	4,857	4,684	173	3.6	5,000	4,728	272	5.4
Drew	7,306	7,025	281	3.8	7,278	7,040	238	3.3	7,237	6,878	359	5.0
Faulkner	65,502	63,758	1,744	2.7	64,129	62,650	1,479	2.3	63,973	61,859	2,114	3.3
Franklin	7,614	7,392	222	2.9	7,469	7,286	183	2.5	7,577	7,284	293	3.9
Fulton	5,174	5,001	173	3.3	5,037	4,903	134	2.7	5,231	5,025	206	3.9
Garland	42,773	41,301	1,472	3.4	41,993	40,782	1,211	2.9	43,092	41,260	1,832	4.3
Grant	8,775	8,537	238	2.7	8,573	8,387	186	2.2	8,548	8,241	307	3.6
Greene	20,246	19,628	618	3.1	19,950	19,428	522	2.6	20,070	19,338	732	3.6
Hempstead	9,535	9,228	307	3.2	9,367	9,139	228	2.4	9,518	9,167	351	3.7
Hot Spring	14,193	13,724	469	3.3	13,935	13,563	372	2.7	14,139	13,558	581	4.1
Howard	5,397	5,217	180	3.3	5,279	5,141	138	2.6	5,558	5,351	207	3.7
Independence	17,108	16,489	619	3.6	16,943	16,512	431	2.5	16,886	16,221	665	3.9
Izard	4,439	4,204	235	5.3	4,455	4,281	174	3.9	4,495	4,235	260	5.8
Jackson	5,562	5,311	251	4.5	5,441	5,222	219	4.0	5,567	5,278	289	5.2
Jefferson	25,984	24,903	1,081	4.2	25,566	24,637	929	3.6	26,131	24,720	1,411	5.4
Johnson	10,185	9,792	393	3.9	10,071	9,771	300	3.0	10,240	9,754	486	4.7
Lafayette	2,321	2,219	102	4.4	2,302	2,217	85	3.7	2,328	2,199	129	5.5
Lawrence	6,815	6,597	218	3.2	6,913	6,744	169	2.4	6,683	6,406	277	4.1
Lee	2,690	2,563	127	4.7	2,628	2,519	109	4.1	2,568	2,439	129	5.0
Lincoln	3,750	3,620	130	3.5	3,674	3,561	113	3.1	3,734	3,546	188	5.0
Little River	5,306	5,139	167	3.1	5,206	5,071	135	2.6	5,326	5,107	219	4.1
Logan	8,447	8,127	320	3.8	8,252	7,996	256	3.1	8,465	8,089	376	4.4
Lonoke	35,526	34,629	897	2.5	34,747	33,999	748	2.2	34,592	33,454	1,138	3.3
Madison	8,076	7,880	196	2.4	7,987	7,834	153	1.9	7,712	7,480	232	3.0
Marion	6,402	6,156	246	3.8	6,233	6,052	181	2.9	6,566	6,304	262	4.0
Miller	19,173	18,494	679	3.5	18,781	18,229	552	2.9	19,229	18,400	829	4.3

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## County Labor Force Statistics

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2023				May 2023				June 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,794	15,903	891	5.3	16,466	15,762	704	4.3	16,591	15,594	997	6.0
Monroe	2,567	2,475	92	3.6	2,487	2,412	75	3.0	2,547	2,426	121	4.8
Montgomery	3,076	2,941	135	4.4	2,901	2,791	110	3.8	2,973	2,823	150	5.0
Nevada	3,509	3,375	134	3.8	3,434	3,346	88	2.6	3,532	3,375	157	4.4
Newton	3,275	3,176	99	3.0	3,213	3,134	79	2.5	3,251	3,142	109	3.4
Ouachita	9,834	9,501	333	3.4	9,728	9,427	301	3.1	9,915	9,503	412	4.2
Perry	4,369	4,229	140	3.2	4,260	4,147	113	2.7	4,267	4,090	177	4.1
Phillips	5,480	5,181	299	5.5	5,440	5,176	264	4.9	5,593	5,242	351	6.3
Pike	4,152	4,012	140	3.4	4,029	3,925	104	2.6	4,248	4,067	181	4.3
Poinsett	10,256	9,944	312	3.0	10,062	9,816	246	2.4	10,017	9,625	392	3.9
Polk	7,984	7,726	258	3.2	7,850	7,641	209	2.7	7,934	7,613	321	4.0
Pope	27,827	26,731	1,096	3.9	27,735	26,926	809	2.9	27,824	26,551	1,273	4.6
Prairie	3,653	3,549	104	2.8	3,576	3,494	82	2.3	3,559	3,435	124	3.5
Pulaski	196,066	190,482	5,584	2.8	192,020	187,278	4,742	2.5	192,234	184,964	7,270	3.8
Randolph	7,351	7,098	253	3.4	7,242	7,054	188	2.6	7,298	7,009	289	4.0
St. Francis	7,733	7,404	329	4.3	7,607	7,317	290	3.8	7,781	7,387	394	5.1
Saline	62,344	60,747	1,597	2.6	61,017	59,718	1,299	2.1	60,948	58,994	1,954	3.2
Scott	4,399	4,272	127	2.9	4,281	4,179	102	2.4	4,213	4,066	147	3.5
Searcy	3,010	2,889	121	4.0	2,886	2,790	96	3.3	3,128	2,988	140	4.5
Sebastian	56,545	54,724	1,821	3.2	55,749	54,412	1,337	2.4	56,375	54,380	1,995	3.5
Sevier	5,520	5,321	199	3.6	5,406	5,250	156	2.9	5,492	5,252	240	4.4
Sharp	6,036	5,808	228	3.8	5,973	5,789	184	3.1	6,045	5,754	291	4.8
Stone	4,626	4,448	178	3.8	4,493	4,351	142	3.2	4,656	4,428	228	4.9
Union	14,958	14,325	633	4.2	14,694	14,166	528	3.6	15,171	14,396	775	5.1
Van Buren	6,210	5,989	221	3.6	6,059	5,877	182	3.0	6,172	5,874	298	4.8
Washington	139,044	136,031	3,013	2.2	138,486	136,026	2,460	1.8	134,471	130,773	3,698	2.8
White	34,831	33,692	1,139	3.3	34,481	33,542	939	2.7	34,897	33,508	1,389	4.0
Woodruff	2,909	2,822	87	3.0	2,869	2,786	83	2.9	2,742	2,634	108	3.9
Yell	7,963	7,669	294	3.7	7,916	7,686	230	2.9	7,879	7,515	364	4.6

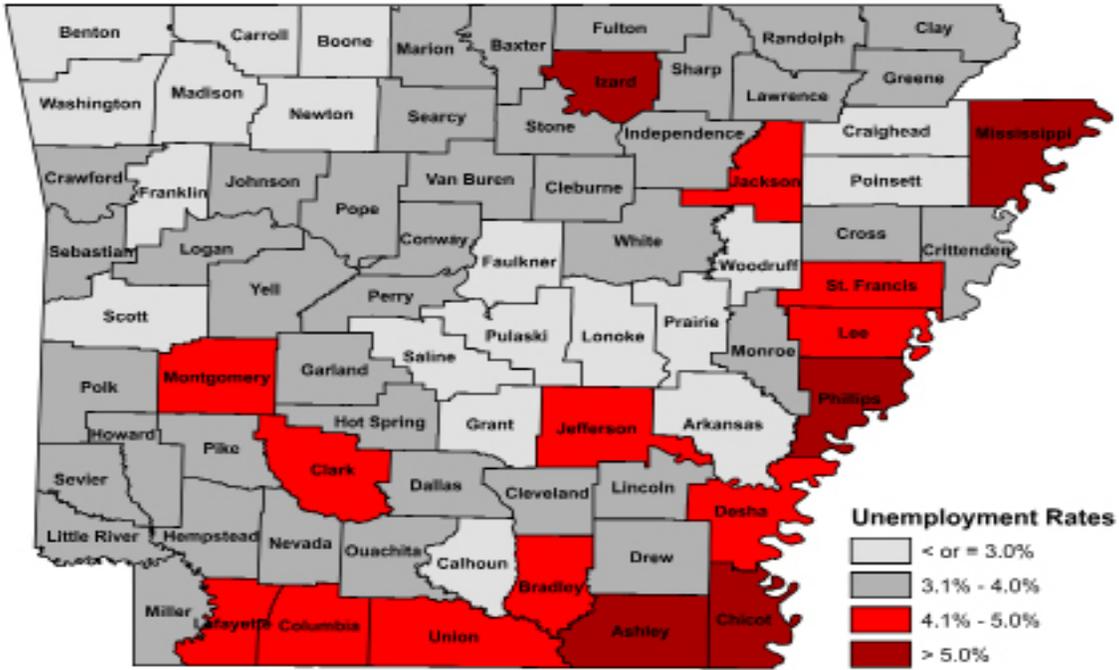
## County Labor Force Summary

Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.2% in Washington County to a high of 5.5% in Phillips County.

In June, nineteen counties posted a jobless rate at or below 3%. That is down sharply from 50 counties at or below three percent last month. For the fifth month in a row, no county in Arkansas reported a rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to June 2022, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from as little as a two-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Marion County to as large as a one and five-tenths of a percentage point drop in Chicot and Lincoln counties. The average jobless rate decline over-the-year was a decrease of eight-tenths of a percentage point.

## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.2	23	Perry	3.2	50	Logan	3.8
2	Benton	2.3	23	Polk	3.2	50	Marion	3.8
3	Arkansas	2.4	23	Sebastian	3.2	50	Nevada	3.8
3	Madison	2.4	29	Baxter	3.3	50	Sharp	3.8
5	Craighead	2.5	29	Crawford	3.3	50	Stone	3.8
5	Lonoke	2.5	29	Fulton	3.3	56	Crittenden	3.9
7	Calhoun	2.6	29	Hot Spring	3.3	56	Johnson	3.9
7	Carroll	2.6	29	Howard	3.3	56	Pope	3.9
7	Saline	2.6	29	White	3.3	59	Searcy	4.0
10	Faulkner	2.7	35	Conway	3.4	60	Columbia	4.1
10	Grant	2.7	35	Garland	3.4	60	Desha	4.1
12	Prairie	2.8	35	Ouachita	3.4	62	Bradley	4.2
12	Pulaski	2.8	35	Pike	3.4	62	Jefferson	4.2
14	Boone	2.9	35	Randolph	3.4	62	Union	4.2
14	Franklin	2.9	40	Lincoln	3.5	65	St. Francis	4.3
14	Scott	2.9	40	Miller	3.5	66	Lafayette	4.4
17	Newton	3.0	42	Cleburne	3.6	66	Montgomery	4.4
17	Poinsett	3.0	42	Dallas	3.6	68	Jackson	4.5
17	Woodruff	3.0	42	Independence	3.6	69	Lee	4.7
20	Cross	3.1	42	Monroe	3.6	70	Clark	4.9
20	Greene	3.1	42	Sevier	3.6	71	Ashley	5.2
20	Little River	3.1	42	Van Buren	3.6	72	Chicot	5.3
23	Cleveland	3.2	48	Clay	3.7	72	Izard	5.3
23	Hempstead	3.2	48	Yell	3.7	72	Mississippi	5.3
23	Lawrence	3.2	50	Drew	3.8	75	Phillips	5.5

## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	June 2023				May 2023				June 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	264,780	257,668	7,112	2.7	259,189	253,227	5,962	2.3	258,934	249,998	8,936	3.5
City of Little Rock	100,878	97,972	2,906	2.9	98,787	96,324	2,463	2.5	98,919	95,134	3,785	3.8
Eastern	43,796	42,018	1,778	4.1	43,005	41,517	1,488	3.5	43,977	41,859	2,118	4.8
North Central	96,145	92,682	3,463	3.6	94,717	91,957	2,760	2.9	96,029	91,872	4,157	4.3
Northeast	126,336	122,335	4,001	3.2	124,548	121,323	3,225	2.6	124,567	119,749	4,818	3.9
Northwest	363,269	354,598	8,671	2.4	360,720	353,684	7,036	2.0	353,849	343,504	10,345	2.9
Southeast	77,005	74,074	2,931	3.8	75,566	73,091	2,475	3.3	77,437	73,620	3,817	4.9
Southwest	89,355	86,107	3,248	3.6	88,059	85,406	2,653	3.0	90,079	86,115	3,964	4.4
West Central	131,514	126,669	4,845	3.7	129,731	125,938	3,793	2.9	131,849	125,955	5,894	4.5
Western	111,879	108,248	3,631	3.2	110,075	107,356	2,719	2.5	111,330	107,205	4,125	3.7

