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Technical Notes

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

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

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2023 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment

Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal

Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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August Spotlight

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)

State of Arkansas
(Seasonally Adjusted)

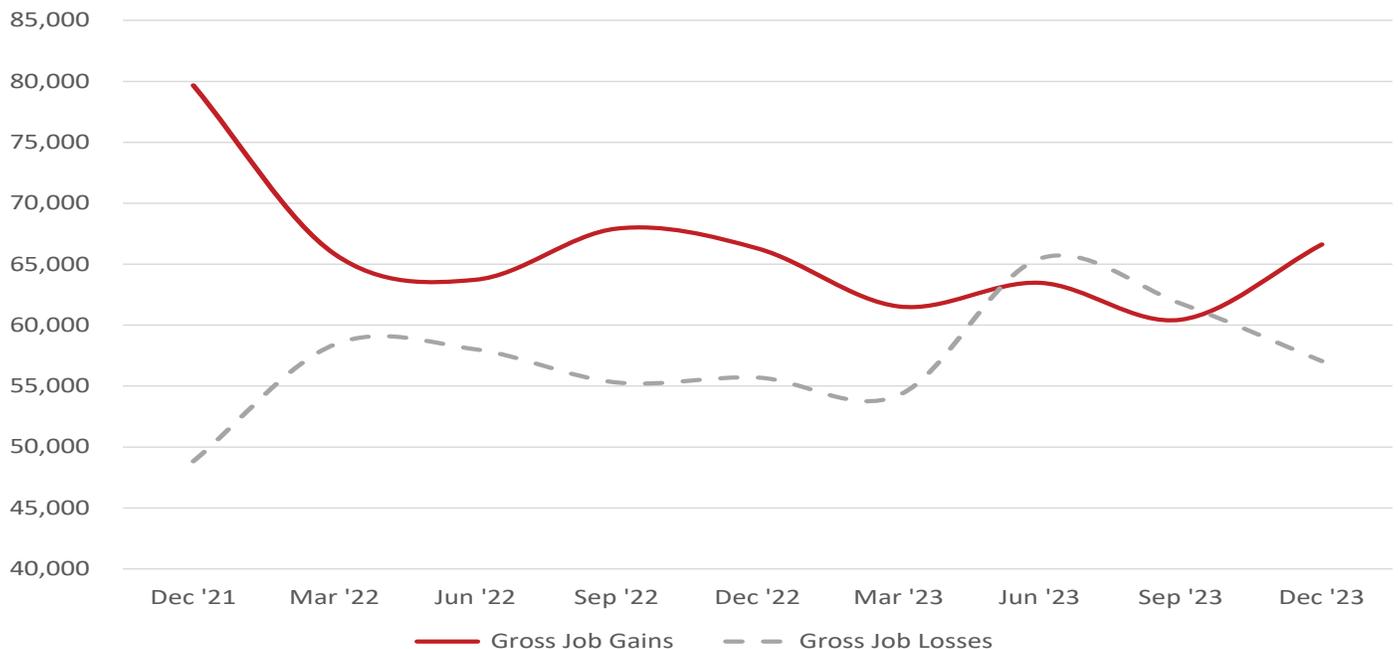
Category	Quarter Ending				
	Dec 22	Mar 23	Jun 23	Sep 23	Dec 23*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	66,289	61,533	63,471	60,444	66,620
Gross job losses....	55,695	54,248	65,458	61,771	57,045
Net Change.....	10,594	7,285	-1,987	-1,327	9,575

*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2023

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)

4th Quarter 2021 - 4th Quarter 2023



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State of Arkansas

Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.3% for a third consecutive month. The United States' jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percent point, from 4.3% in July to 4.2% in August.

Arkansas' civilian labor force rose by 4,062 in August, as 4,116 more Arkansans are employed compared to July. Both the civilian labor force and the number of employed remain at record high levels. Arkansas' labor force participation rate rose to 58.0%.

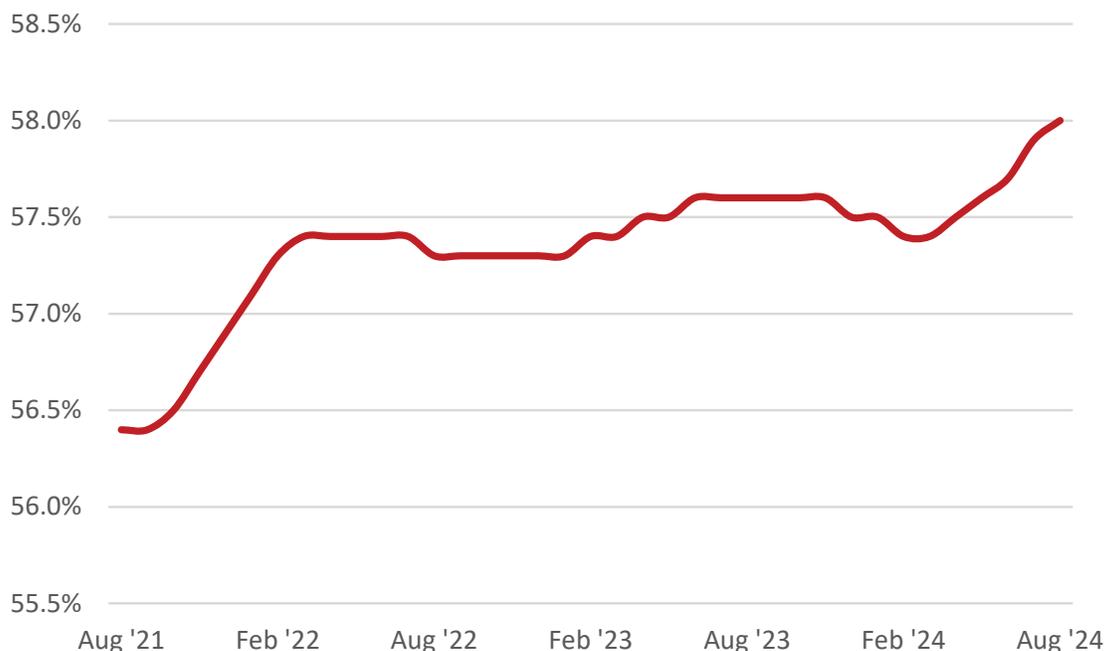
Compared to August 2023, the number of employed Arkansans has increased 23,681. The labor force participation rate is up four-tenths of a percentage point, while the unemployment rate remains slightly lower compared to last August.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23
Civilian Labor Force	1,405,456	1,401,394	1,382,315	Civilian Labor Force	1,412,432	1,425,832
Employment	1,358,748	1,354,632	1,335,067	Employment	1,363,785	1,369,864
Unemployment	46,708	46,762	47,248	Unemployment	48,647	55,968
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%	Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.9%
LF Participation Rate	58.0%	57.9%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	58.3%	57.8%

Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

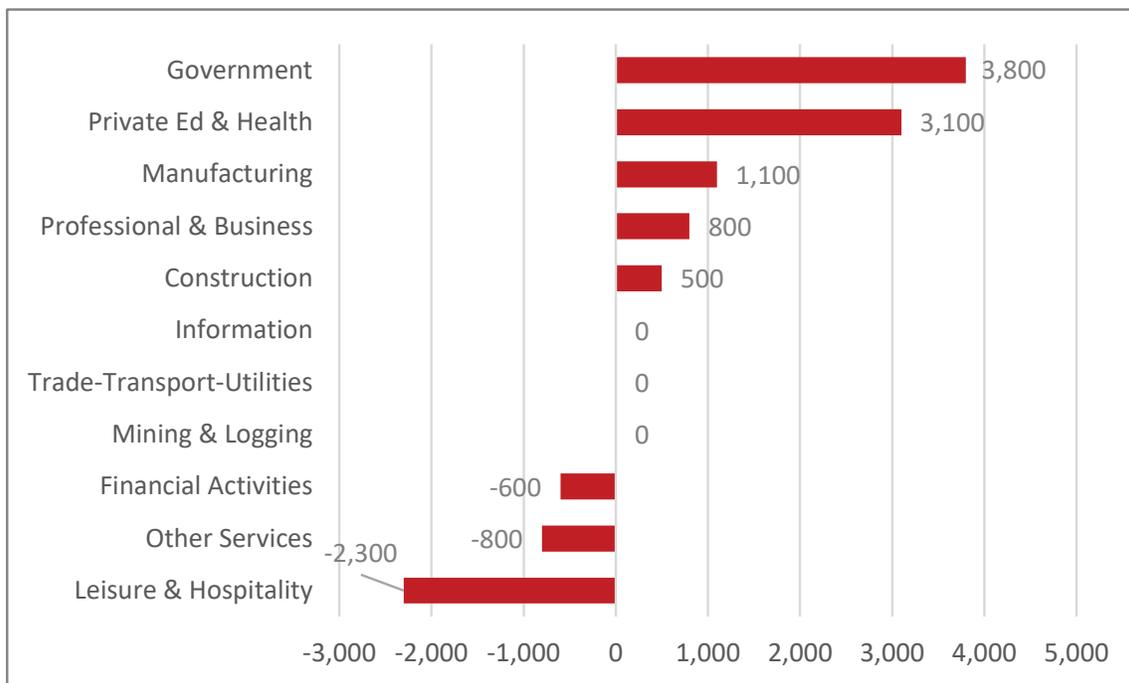
(NAICS)	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1366.7	1361.1	1340.7	5.6	26.0
Goods Producing	236.5	234.9	231.8	1.6	4.7
Mining, Logging, & Construction	73.1	72.6	69.1	0.5	4.0
Mining & Logging	5.4	5.4	5.2	0.0	0.2
Construction	67.7	67.2	63.9	0.5	3.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	42.8	42.7	40.0	0.1	2.8
Manufacturing	163.4	162.3	162.7	1.1	0.7
Durable Goods	78.3	77.3	78.5	1.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	85.1	85.0	84.2	0.1	0.9
Service Providing	1130.2	1126.2	1108.9	4.0	21.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	268.7	268.7	266.8	0.0	1.9
Wholesale Trade	51.7	51.0	52.6	0.7	-0.9
Retail Trade	144.6	145.5	143.0	-0.9	1.6
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.4	72.2	71.2	0.2	1.2
Information	12.5	12.5	12.6	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	72.3	72.9	70.1	-0.6	2.2
Finance & Insurance	56.9	57.5	54.7	-0.6	2.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.4	15.4	15.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	160.4	159.6	154.3	0.8	6.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	50.0	50.1	49.4	-0.1	0.6
Management of Companies	38.5	39.0	38.3	-0.5	0.2
Administrative & Support Services	71.9	70.5	66.6	1.4	5.3
Private Education & Health Services	217.2	214.1	207.2	3.1	10.0
Private Educational Services	17.8	16.9	16.8	0.9	1.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	199.4	197.2	190.4	2.2	9.0
Ambulatory Health Care	70.8	70.0	66.0	0.8	4.8
Social Assistance	40.0	39.9	38.6	0.1	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	130.1	132.4	129.8	-2.3	0.3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14.7	15.0	14.5	-0.3	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	115.4	117.4	115.3	-2.0	0.1
Accommodation Services	11.8	12.2	11.9	-0.4	-0.1
Food Services	103.6	105.2	103.4	-1.6	0.2
Other Services	66.8	67.6	67.6	-0.8	-0.8
Government	202.2	198.4	200.5	3.8	1.7
Federal Government	21.8	21.9	21.4	-0.1	0.4
State Government	73.1	71.3	73.1	1.8	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	27.0	25.2	26.9	1.8	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.1	46.1	46.2	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	107.3	105.2	106.0	2.1	1.3
Local Gov, Educational Services	61.4	58.4	60.5	3.0	0.9
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.9	46.8	45.5	-0.9	0.4

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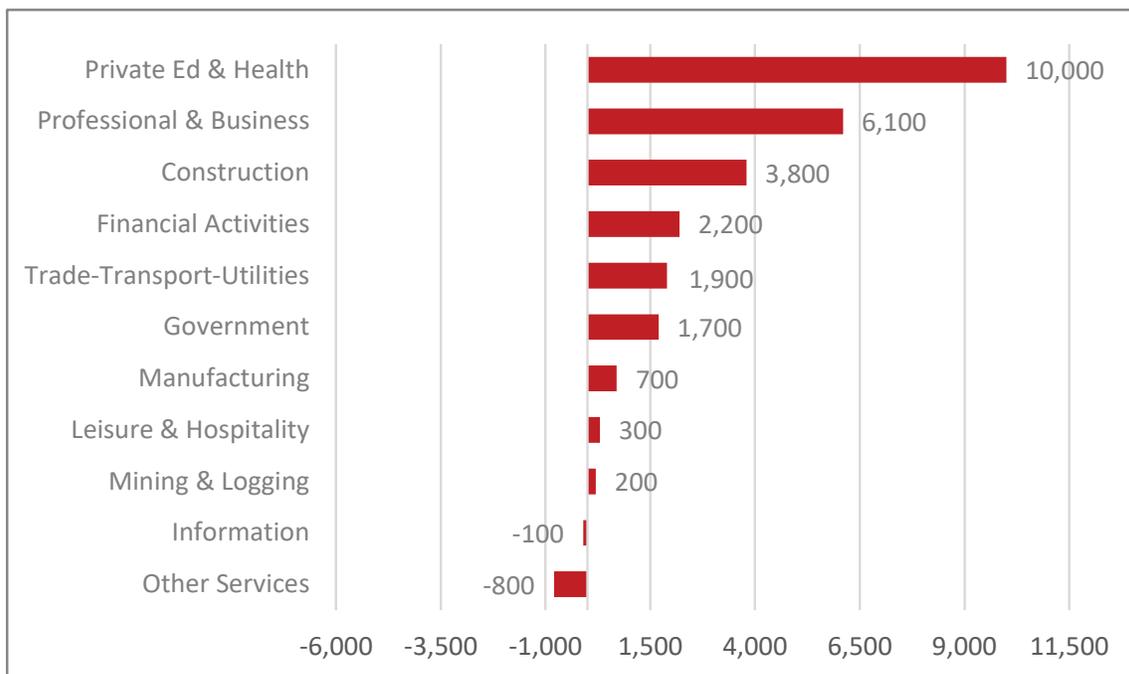
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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
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State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

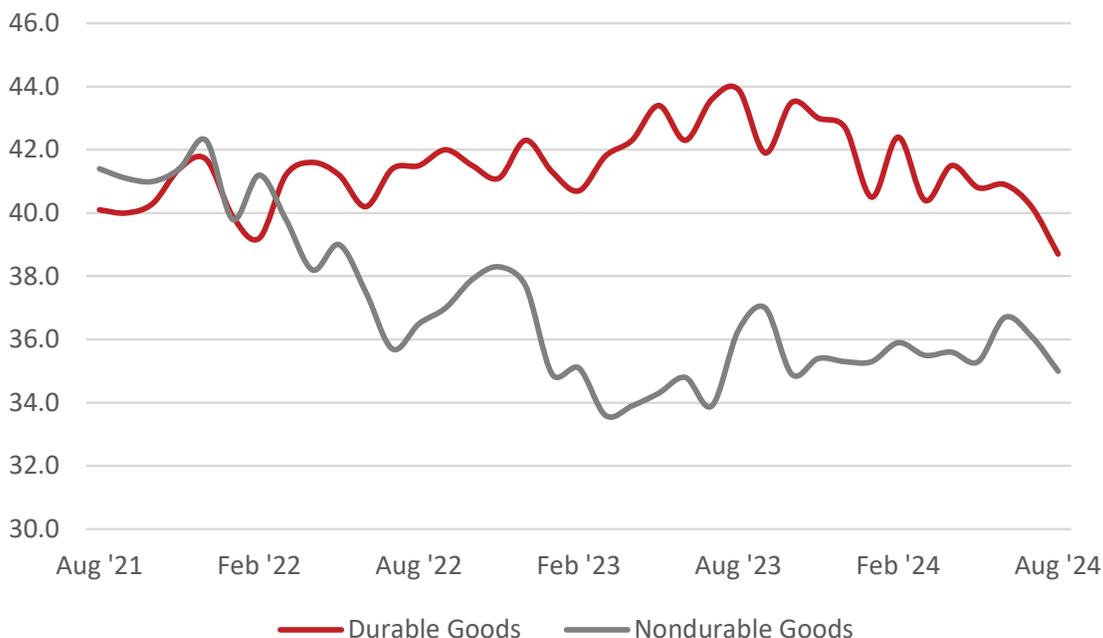
Manufacturing

	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23
Average Weekly Hours	36.7	38.0	39.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.82	\$22.51	\$21.24
Average Weekly Earnings	\$837.49	\$855.38	\$847.48

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23		Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23
Average Weekly Hours	38.7	40.2	43.9	Average Weekly Hours	35.0	36.1	36.3
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.48	\$25.17	\$23.24	Average Hourly Earnings	\$20.16	\$19.86	\$19.02
Average Weekly Earnings	\$986.08	\$1,011.83	\$1,020.24	Average Weekly Earnings	\$705.60	\$716.95	\$690.43

Average Weekly Hours Worked- Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	379,885	387,706	368,622	-7,821	11,263
Employment	367,734	373,841	356,518	-6,107	11,216
Unemployment	12,151	13,865	12,104	-1,714	47
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.6%	3.3%	-0.4%	-0.1%

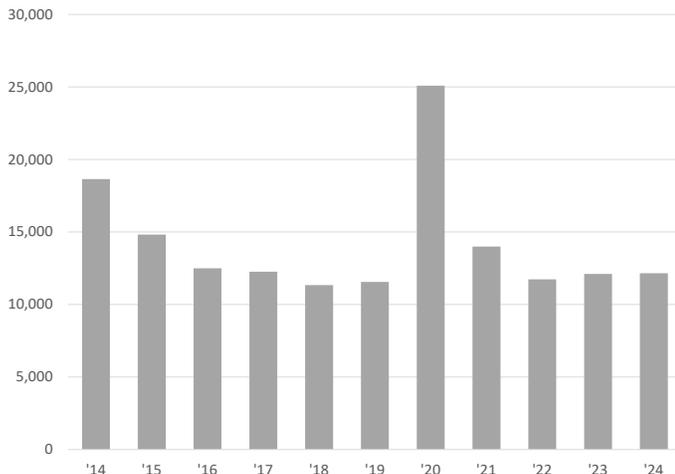
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	397.3	397.3	388.2	0.0	9.1
Goods Producing	43.4	43.1	41.5	0.3	1.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	22.6	22.5	21.4	0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	20.8	20.6	20.1	0.2	0.7
Service Providing	353.9	354.2	346.7	-0.3	7.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	77.9	77.9	77.6	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	17.7	17.6	17.7	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	38.5	38.7	38.8	-0.2	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.7	21.6	21.1	0.1	0.6
Information	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	28.2	28.3	27.7	-0.1	0.5
Professional & Business Services	51.2	50.9	48.2	0.3	3.0
Private Education & Health Services	66.7	66.8	64.3	-0.1	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	35.4	36.4	35.6	-1.0	-0.2
Other Services	19.7	19.9	19.7	-0.2	0.0
Government	69.5	68.7	68.1	0.8	1.4
Federal Government	10.7	10.8	10.4	-0.1	0.3
State Government	33.3	32.7	33.2	0.6	0.1
Local Government	25.5	25.2	24.5	0.3	1.0

Unemployment

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Jobs in Professional & Business Services

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	322,580	327,714	311,645	-5,134	10,935
Employment	314,215	318,009	303,148	-3,794	11,067
Unemployment	8,365	9,705	8,497	-1,340	-132
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	3.0%	2.7%	-0.4%	-0.1%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Aug 24	Jul 24	Aug 23	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	312.8	311.3	303.3	1.5	9.5
Goods Producing	49.7	49.3	47.0	0.4	2.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.2	18.0	16.8	0.2	1.4
Manufacturing	31.5	31.3	30.2	0.2	1.3
Service Providing	263.1	262.0	256.3	1.1	6.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.6	62.7	62.4	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	13.9	13.9	14.3	0.0	-0.4
Retail Trade	29.6	29.7	29.0	-0.1	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.1	19.1	19.1	0.0	0.0
Information	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	60.1	60.4	58.9	-0.3	1.2
Private Education & Health Services	37.9	37.2	35.2	0.7	2.7
Leisure & Hospitality	32.3	32.9	31.6	-0.6	0.7
Other Services	13.7	13.9	13.6	-0.2	0.1
Government	41.6	40.0	39.7	1.6	1.9
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
State Government	18.8	17.6	17.5	1.2	1.3
Local Government	19.6	19.2	19.1	0.4	0.5

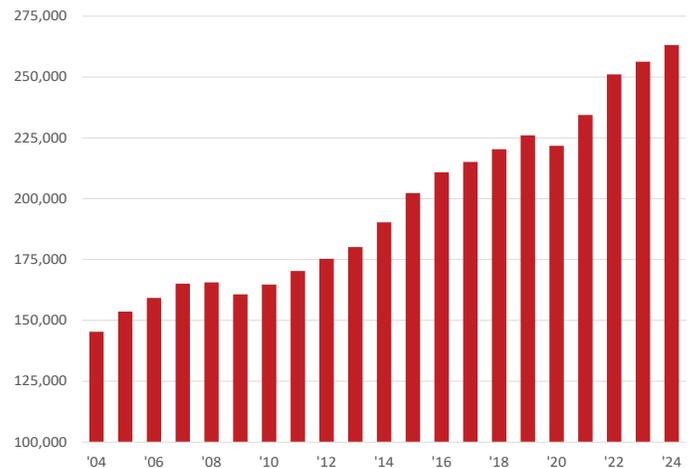
Employment

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Jobs in Service Providing Industries

August: 2004 - 2024



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	122,762	123,969	120,332	-1,207	2,430
Employment	118,344	118,995	115,491	-651	2,853
Unemployment	4,418	4,974	4,841	-556	-423
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%

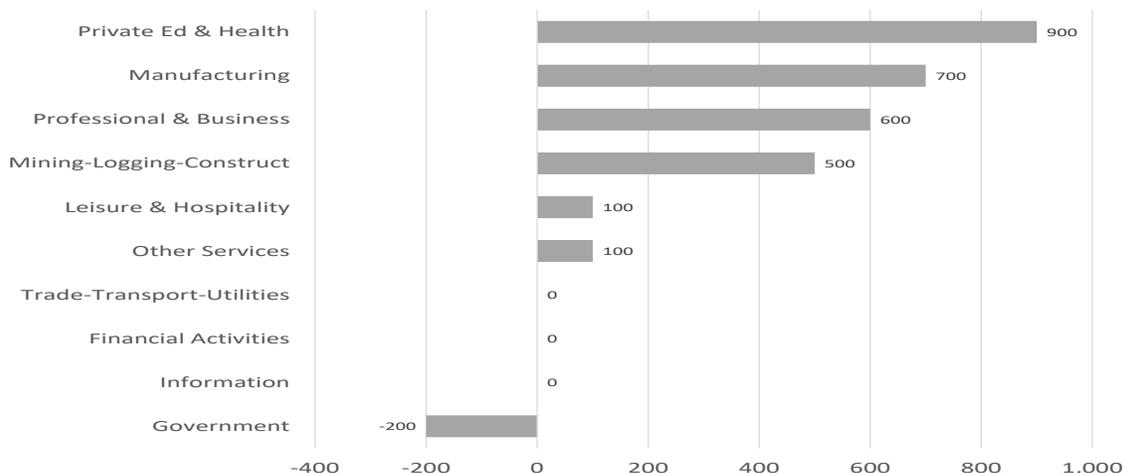
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	117.4	116.3	114.7	1.1	2.7
Goods Producing	26.0	25.9	24.8	0.1	1.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	6.3	6.3	5.8	0.0	0.5
Manufacturing	19.7	19.6	19.0	0.1	0.7
Service Providing	91.4	90.4	89.9	1.0	1.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.0	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.9	12.9	13.0	0.0	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.4	0.0	0.2
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.0	11.9	11.4	0.1	0.6
Private Education & Health Services	19.4	19.3	18.5	0.1	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	10.7	10.2	-0.4	0.1
Other Services	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Government	15.5	14.3	15.7	1.2	-0.2
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	12.1	10.9	12.2	1.2	-0.1

Annual Job Change by Major Industry Sector

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,916	42,925	41,758	-1,009	158
Employment	40,372	41,140	40,116	-768	256
Unemployment	1,544	1,785	1,642	-241	-98
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.2%	3.9%	-0.5%	-0.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.0	41.1	40.9	-0.1	0.1
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	36.6	36.7	36.5	-0.1	0.1
Government	4.3	4.1	4.3	0.2	0.0

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Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	69,299	70,682	67,671	-1,383	1,628
Employment	67,191	68,194	65,493	-1,003	1,698
Unemployment	2,108	2,488	2,178	-380	-70
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.5%	3.2%	-0.5%	-0.2%

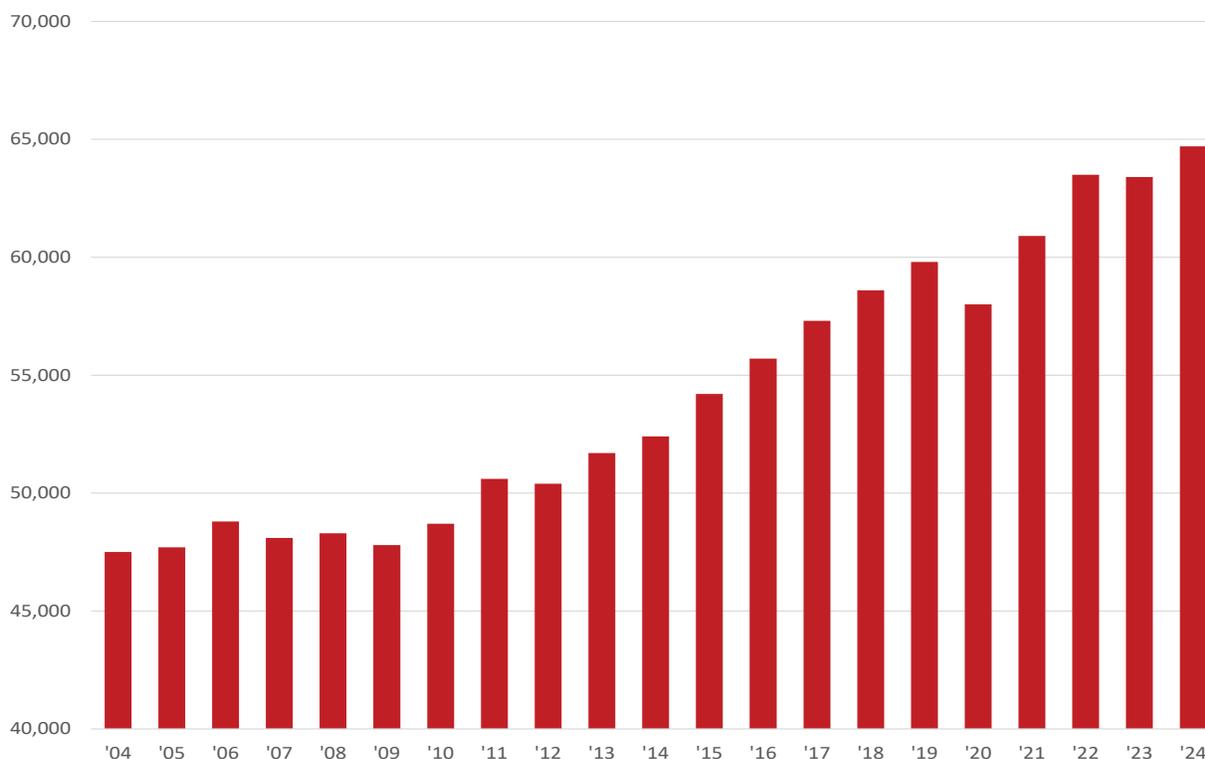
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.7	64.7	63.4	0.0	1.3
Goods Producing	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	53.0	53.0	51.9	0.0	1.1
Government	8.8	8.7	8.7	0.1	0.1

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Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

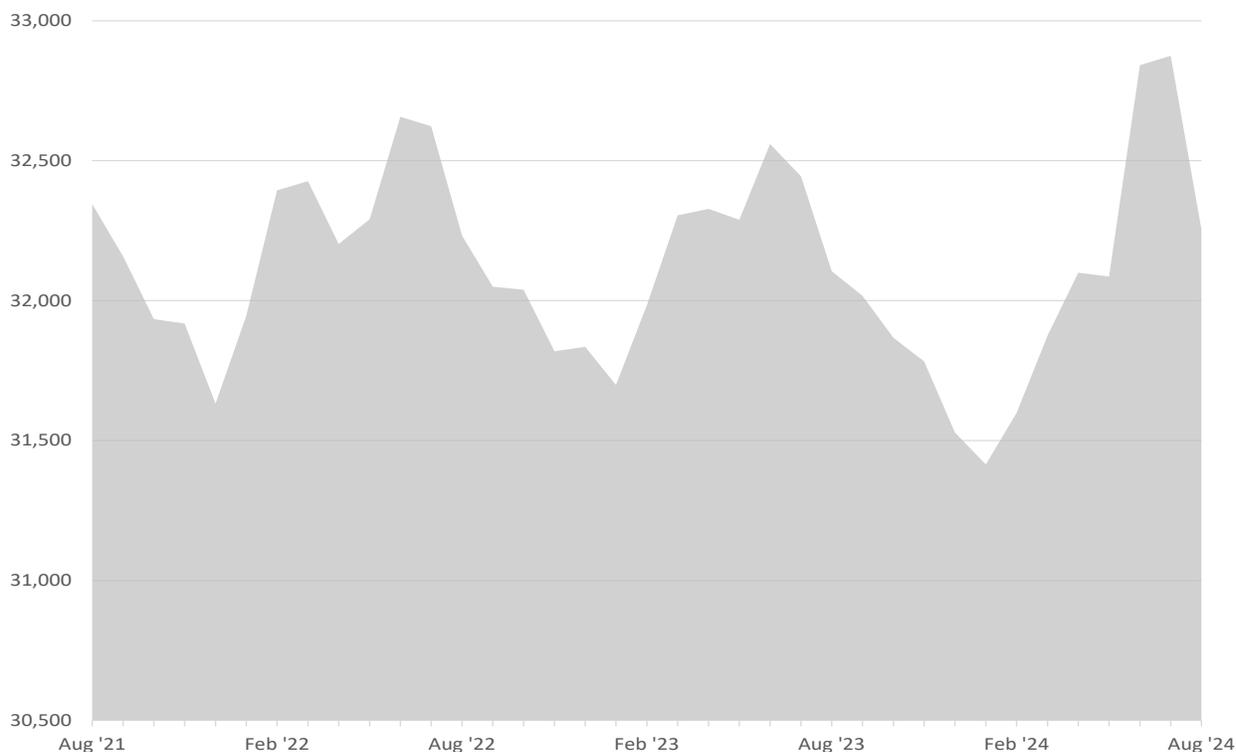
	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,255	32,875	32,105	-620	150
Employment	30,670	31,024	30,583	-354	87
Unemployment	1,585	1,851	1,522	-266	63
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.6%	4.7%	-0.7%	0.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.0	30.9	31.1	0.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	25.6	25.5	25.6	0.1	0.0
Government	8.1	7.9	8.2	0.2	-0.1

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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>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	623,883	627,202	621,427	-3,319	2,456
Employment	596,035	598,685	594,038	-2,650	1,197
Unemployment	27,848	28,517	27,389	-669	459
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%	0.0%	0.1%

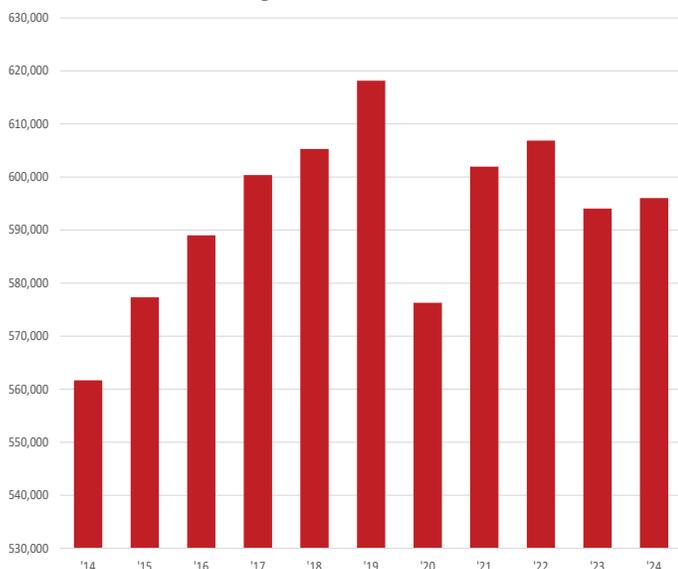
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,278	63,561	62,505	-283	773
Employment	60,554	60,741	59,861	-187	693
Unemployment	2,724	2,820	2,644	-96	80
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	-0.1%	0.1%

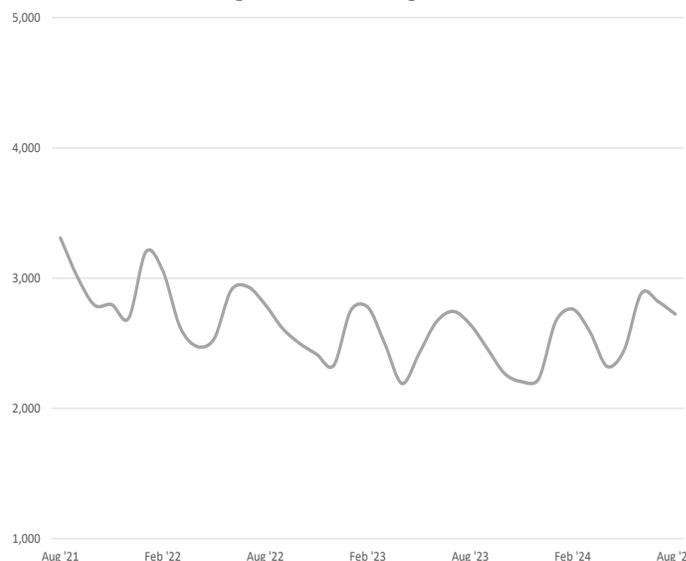
Employment

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Unemployment

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Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Micro Area	August 2024				July 2024				August 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,814	8,377	437	5.0	8,587	8,080	507	5.9	8,639	8,161	478	5.5
Batesville Micro	16,953	16,333	620	3.7	16,924	16,299	625	3.7	17,045	16,140	905	5.3
Blytheville Micro	17,946	17,059	887	4.9	18,004	16,876	1,128	6.3	16,983	15,988	995	5.9
Camden Micro	12,006	11,526	480	4.0	11,920	11,383	537	4.5	11,953	11,498	455	3.8
El Dorado Micro	14,923	14,081	842	5.6	14,796	13,868	928	6.3	14,799	14,070	729	4.9
Forrest City Micro	7,607	7,160	447	5.9	7,581	7,083	498	6.6	7,555	7,136	419	5.5
Harrison Micro	18,772	18,127	645	3.4	18,757	18,001	756	4.0	19,020	18,366	654	3.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,132	4,838	294	5.7	5,018	4,667	351	7.0	5,235	4,882	353	6.7
Hope Micro	11,900	11,453	447	3.8	11,919	11,376	543	4.6	12,438	11,935	503	4.0
Magnolia Micro	8,777	8,380	397	4.5	8,279	7,828	451	5.4	8,883	8,438	445	5.0
Malvern Micro	13,911	13,393	518	3.7	14,134	13,510	624	4.4	13,743	13,205	538	3.9
Mountain Home Micro	16,975	16,350	625	3.7	17,110	16,353	757	4.4	16,886	16,245	641	3.8
Paragould Micro	19,673	18,938	735	3.7	19,834	19,012	822	4.1	19,754	19,071	683	3.5
Russellville Micro	36,692	35,150	1,542	4.2	36,454	34,635	1,819	5.0	37,038	35,331	1,707	4.6
Searcy Micro	34,999	33,737	1,262	3.6	34,505	33,030	1,475	4.3	33,934	32,623	1,311	3.9

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

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City	August 2024				July 2024				August 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,860	13,426	434	3.1	14,088	13,592	496	3.5	13,380	12,940	440	3.3
Benton	18,889	18,360	529	2.8	19,311	18,672	639	3.3	18,321	17,795	526	2.9
Bentonville	33,692	32,834	858	2.5	34,200	33,240	960	2.8	32,469	31,645	824	2.5
Blytheville	6,086	5,710	376	6.2	6,116	5,649	467	7.6	5,822	5,352	470	8.1
Cabot	12,764	12,391	373	2.9	13,003	12,572	431	3.3	12,401	12,036	365	2.9
Conway	36,739	35,610	1,129	3.1	37,447	36,197	1,250	3.3	35,679	34,546	1,133	3.2
El Dorado	6,418	6,060	358	5.6	6,383	5,968	415	6.5	6,407	6,055	352	5.5
Fayetteville	54,987	53,515	1,472	2.7	55,870	54,182	1,688	3.0	53,216	51,607	1,609	3.0
Fort Smith	39,766	38,386	1,380	3.5	40,269	38,704	1,565	3.9	38,981	37,331	1,650	4.2
Hot Springs	15,551	14,940	611	3.9	15,944	15,224	720	4.5	15,479	14,845	634	4.1
Jacksonville	12,361	11,848	513	4.2	12,649	12,049	600	4.7	11,980	11,479	501	4.2
Jonesboro	41,779	40,484	1,295	3.1	42,648	41,116	1,532	3.6	40,740	39,436	1,304	3.2
Little Rock	103,033	99,435	3,598	3.5	105,245	101,129	4,116	3.9	99,793	96,346	3,447	3.5
North Little Rock	31,815	30,577	1,238	3.9	32,393	31,098	1,295	4.0	30,775	29,627	1,148	3.7
Paragould	12,505	12,036	469	3.8	12,610	12,083	527	4.2	12,576	12,120	456	3.6
Pine Bluff	15,112	14,247	865	5.7	15,449	14,427	1,022	6.6	15,062	14,186	876	5.8
Rogers	41,219	40,281	938	2.3	41,865	40,779	1,086	2.6	39,831	38,823	1,008	2.5
Russellville	13,199	12,656	543	4.1	13,126	12,481	645	4.9	13,330	12,712	618	4.6
Searcy	10,570	10,188	382	3.6	10,465	9,974	491	4.7	10,251	9,851	400	3.9
Sherwood	17,166	16,687	479	2.8	17,549	16,971	578	3.3	16,662	16,169	493	3.0
Springdale	43,818	42,740	1,078	2.5	44,526	43,272	1,254	2.8	42,255	41,214	1,041	2.5
Texarkana, AR	13,003	12,455	548	4.2	13,218	12,601	617	4.7	12,882	12,330	552	4.3
Van Buren	10,641	10,268	373	3.5	10,726	10,342	384	3.6	10,447	9,993	454	4.3
West Memphis	10,045	9,559	486	4.8	10,310	9,665	645	6.3	10,023	9,536	487	4.9

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,846	8,586	260	2.9	8,805	8,507	298	3.4	9,370	9,120	250	2.7
Ashley	6,897	6,511	386	5.6	6,729	6,276	453	6.7	6,622	6,237	385	5.8
Baxter	16,975	16,350	625	3.7	17,110	16,353	757	4.4	16,886	16,245	641	3.8
Benton	160,809	156,647	4,162	2.6	163,302	158,584	4,718	2.9	155,222	150,977	4,245	2.7
Boone	15,625	15,090	535	3.4	15,613	14,991	622	4.0	15,810	15,280	530	3.4
Bradley	4,033	3,851	182	4.5	3,979	3,783	196	4.9	4,026	3,839	187	4.6
Calhoun	2,365	2,289	76	3.2	2,336	2,253	83	3.6	2,355	2,289	66	2.8
Carroll	12,780	12,363	417	3.3	12,539	12,082	457	3.6	12,733	12,352	381	3.0
Chicot	2,904	2,712	192	6.6	2,895	2,699	196	6.8	2,924	2,740	184	6.3
Clark	8,814	8,377	437	5.0	8,587	8,080	507	5.9	8,639	8,161	478	5.5
Clay	5,481	5,269	212	3.9	5,402	5,156	246	4.6	5,488	5,266	222	4.0
Cleburne	9,076	8,706	370	4.1	9,137	8,700	437	4.8	9,116	8,724	392	4.3
Cleveland	3,078	2,956	122	4.0	3,116	2,978	138	4.4	3,075	2,960	115	3.7
Columbia	8,777	8,380	397	4.5	8,279	7,828	451	5.4	8,883	8,438	445	5.0
Conway	8,508	8,193	315	3.7	8,504	8,136	368	4.3	8,357	8,013	344	4.1
Craighead	59,074	57,327	1,747	3.0	60,262	58,222	2,040	3.4	57,637	55,843	1,794	3.1
Crawford	27,230	26,279	951	3.5	27,527	26,469	1,058	3.8	26,623	25,575	1,048	3.9
Crittenden	20,525	19,589	936	4.6	20,969	19,805	1,164	5.6	20,483	19,542	941	4.6
Cross	7,088	6,832	256	3.6	6,994	6,691	303	4.3	6,936	6,693	243	3.5
Dallas	2,703	2,594	109	4.0	2,704	2,581	123	4.5	2,665	2,560	105	3.9
Desha	4,881	4,590	291	6.0	4,832	4,498	334	6.9	4,995	4,751	244	4.9
Drew	7,525	7,194	331	4.4	7,152	6,781	371	5.2	7,382	7,046	336	4.6
Faulkner	66,642	64,681	1,961	2.9	67,971	65,747	2,224	3.3	64,792	62,748	2,044	3.2
Franklin	7,643	7,379	264	3.5	7,520	7,226	294	3.9	7,534	7,259	275	3.7
Fulton	4,277	4,105	172	4.0	4,304	4,104	200	4.6	4,415	4,221	194	4.4
Garland	41,916	40,372	1,544	3.7	42,925	41,140	1,785	4.2	41,758	40,116	1,642	3.9
Grant	8,930	8,668	262	2.9	9,100	8,794	306	3.4	8,670	8,406	264	3.0
Greene	19,673	18,938	735	3.7	19,834	19,012	822	4.1	19,754	19,071	683	3.5
Hempstead	8,719	8,394	325	3.7	8,719	8,332	387	4.4	9,107	8,747	360	4.0
Hot Spring	13,911	13,393	518	3.7	14,134	13,510	624	4.4	13,743	13,205	538	3.9
Howard	4,892	4,718	174	3.6	4,928	4,722	206	4.2	5,339	5,127	212	4.0
Independence	16,953	16,333	620	3.7	16,924	16,299	625	3.7	17,045	16,140	905	5.3
Izard	4,805	4,561	244	5.1	4,629	4,356	273	5.9	4,550	4,244	306	6.7
Jackson	5,531	5,283	248	4.5	5,388	5,114	274	5.1	5,551	5,238	313	5.6
Jefferson	25,468	24,195	1,273	5.0	26,000	24,501	1,499	5.8	25,344	24,092	1,252	4.9
Johnson	9,407	8,884	523	5.6	9,480	8,859	621	6.6	9,528	9,083	445	4.7
Lafayette	2,147	2,029	118	5.5	2,087	1,960	127	6.1	2,198	2,086	112	5.1
Lawrence	6,781	6,537	244	3.6	6,560	6,282	278	4.2	6,722	6,461	261	3.9
Lee	2,514	2,388	126	5.0	2,487	2,346	141	5.7	2,578	2,440	138	5.4
Lincoln	3,709	3,519	190	5.1	3,759	3,545	214	5.7	3,686	3,531	155	4.2
Little River	5,253	5,063	190	3.6	5,337	5,121	216	4.0	5,193	4,999	194	3.7
Logan	8,448	8,114	334	4.0	8,272	7,891	381	4.6	8,466	8,090	376	4.4
Lonoke	36,191	35,127	1,064	2.9	36,841	35,640	1,201	3.3	35,193	34,120	1,073	3.0
Madison	8,234	7,999	235	2.9	8,306	8,049	257	3.1	8,001	7,782	219	2.7
Marion	6,000	5,748	252	4.2	6,028	5,738	290	4.8	6,007	5,753	254	4.2
Miller	18,944	18,206	738	3.9	19,254	18,420	834	4.3	18,765	18,023	742	4.0

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,946	17,059	887	4.9	18,004	16,876	1,128	6.3	16,983	15,988	995	5.9
Monroe	2,484	2,358	126	5.1	2,462	2,315	147	6.0	2,525	2,417	108	4.3
Montgomery	2,993	2,855	138	4.6	2,924	2,761	163	5.6	3,048	2,899	149	4.9
Nevada	3,181	3,059	122	3.8	3,200	3,044	156	4.9	3,331	3,188	143	4.3
Newton	3,147	3,037	110	3.5	3,144	3,010	134	4.3	3,210	3,086	124	3.9
Ouachita	9,641	9,237	404	4.2	9,584	9,130	454	4.7	9,598	9,209	389	4.1
Perry	4,446	4,284	162	3.6	4,534	4,346	188	4.1	4,344	4,175	169	3.9
Phillips	5,132	4,838	294	5.7	5,018	4,667	351	7.0	5,235	4,882	353	6.7
Pike	4,098	3,940	158	3.9	3,963	3,780	183	4.6	4,122	3,969	153	3.7
Poinsett	10,225	9,864	361	3.5	10,420	9,972	448	4.3	10,034	9,650	384	3.8
Polk	7,750	7,429	321	4.1	7,536	7,155	381	5.1	7,823	7,517	306	3.9
Pope	28,533	27,326	1,207	4.2	28,366	26,947	1,419	5.0	28,802	27,446	1,356	4.7
Prairie	3,561	3,456	105	2.9	3,464	3,343	121	3.5	3,614	3,497	117	3.2
Pulaski	200,242	193,327	6,915	3.5	204,478	196,619	7,859	3.8	194,053	187,320	6,733	3.5
Randolph	7,293	7,022	271	3.7	7,221	6,888	333	4.6	7,085	6,814	271	3.8
St. Francis	7,607	7,160	447	5.9	7,581	7,083	498	6.6	7,555	7,136	419	5.5
Saline	63,434	61,647	1,787	2.8	64,782	62,695	2,087	3.2	61,570	59,749	1,821	3.0
Scott	4,412	4,277	135	3.1	4,379	4,218	161	3.7	4,473	4,320	153	3.4
Searcy	2,886	2,765	121	4.2	2,759	2,618	141	5.1	3,038	2,913	125	4.1
Sebastian	57,230	55,297	1,933	3.4	57,945	55,755	2,190	3.8	56,002	53,777	2,225	4.0
Sevier	5,582	5,365	217	3.9	5,522	5,265	257	4.7	5,576	5,344	232	4.2
Sharp	5,923	5,664	259	4.4	5,966	5,682	284	4.8	5,882	5,563	319	5.4
Stone	4,727	4,530	197	4.2	4,613	4,396	217	4.7	4,731	4,520	211	4.5
Union	14,923	14,081	842	5.6	14,796	13,868	928	6.3	14,799	14,070	729	4.9
Van Buren	5,985	5,740	245	4.1	5,988	5,700	288	4.8	5,871	5,618	253	4.3
Washington	141,950	138,434	3,516	2.5	144,224	140,159	4,065	2.8	137,141	133,497	3,644	2.7
White	34,999	33,737	1,262	3.6	34,505	33,030	1,475	4.3	33,934	32,623	1,311	3.9
Woodruff	2,956	2,854	102	3.5	2,807	2,694	113	4.0	2,906	2,808	98	3.4
Yell	8,159	7,824	335	4.1	8,088	7,688	400	4.9	8,236	7,885	351	4.3

County Labor Force Summary

Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Independence County was unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5% in Washington County to a high of 6.6% in Chicot County.

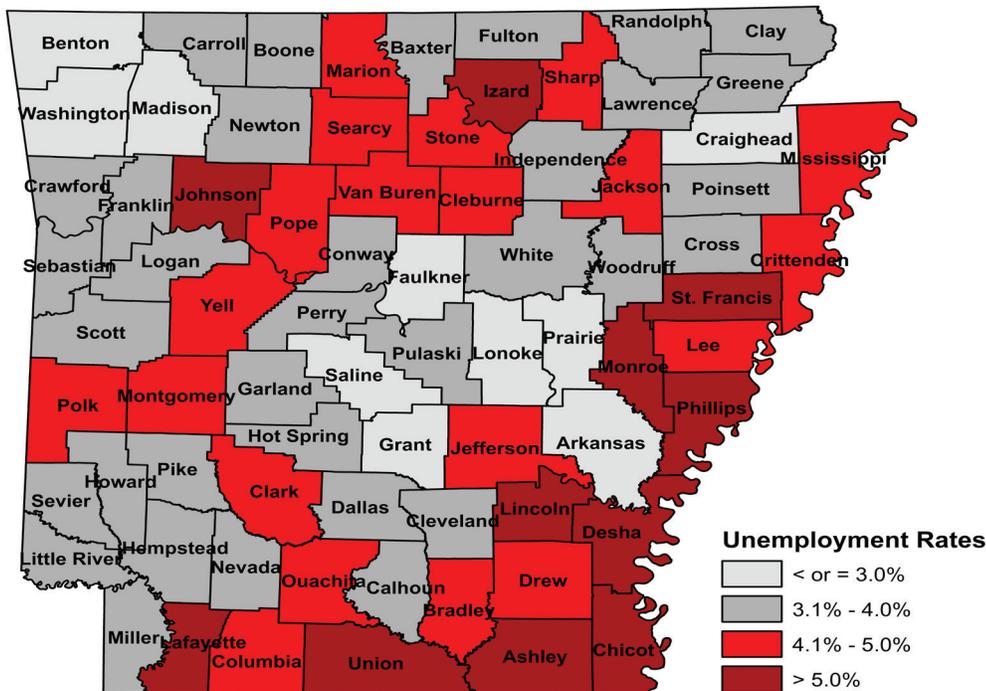
In August, ten counties posted a jobless rate at or below 3 percent. That is up from two counties at or below 3% last month. No county had an unemployment rate above seven percent in August, compared to one county above 7% in July.

Compared to August 2023, jobless rates are down in 49 Arkansas counties. Twenty-two counties reported rate increases over-the-year, while four counties were unchanged. The largest annual rate declines were in Izard and Independence counties, both down one and six-tenths of a percentage point. Desha County posted the largest rate increase, up one and one-tenth of a percentage point over the year.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.5	22	Perry	3.6	49	Pope	4.2
2	Benton	2.6	22	White	3.6	49	Searcy	4.2
3	Saline	2.8	28	Baxter	3.7	49	Stone	4.2
4	Arkansas	2.9	28	Conway	3.7	54	Drew	4.4
4	Faulkner	2.9	28	Garland	3.7	54	Sharp	4.4
4	Grant	2.9	28	Greene	3.7	56	Bradley	4.5
4	Lonoke	2.9	28	Hempstead	3.7	56	Columbia	4.5
4	Madison	2.9	28	Hot Spring	3.7	56	Jackson	4.5
4	Prairie	2.9	28	Independence	3.7	59	Crittenden	4.6
10	Craighead	3.0	28	Randolph	3.7	59	Montgomery	4.6
11	Scott	3.1	36	Nevada	3.8	61	Mississippi	4.9
12	Calhoun	3.2	37	Clay	3.9	62	Clark	5.0
13	Carroll	3.3	37	Miller	3.9	62	Jefferson	5.0
14	Boone	3.4	37	Pike	3.9	62	Lee	5.0
14	Sebastian	3.4	37	Sevier	3.9	65	Izard	5.1
16	Crawford	3.5	41	Cleveland	4.0	65	Lincoln	5.1
16	Franklin	3.5	41	Dallas	4.0	65	Monroe	5.1
16	Newton	3.5	41	Fulton	4.0	68	Lafayette	5.5
16	Poinsett	3.5	41	Logan	4.0	69	Ashley	5.6
16	Pulaski	3.5	45	Cleburne	4.1	69	Johnson	5.6
22	Woodruff	3.5	45	Polk	4.1	69	Union	5.6
22	Cross	3.6	45	Van Buren	4.1	72	Phillips	5.7
22	Howard	3.6	45	Yell	4.1	73	St. Francis	5.9
22	Lawrence	3.6	49	Marion	4.2	74	Desha	6.0
22	Little River	3.6	49	Ouachita	4.2	75	Chicot	6.6

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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LWDA	August 2024				July 2024				August 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	269,521	261,161	8,360	3.1	274,753	265,230	9,523	3.5	261,954	253,505	8,449	3.2
City of Little Rock	103,033	99,435	3,598	3.5	105,245	101,129	4,116	3.9	99,793	96,346	3,447	3.5
Eastern	42,866	40,807	2,059	4.8	43,049	40,592	2,457	5.7	42,787	40,693	2,094	4.9
North Central	95,232	91,513	3,719	3.9	94,261	90,075	4,186	4.4	94,001	89,699	4,302	4.6
Northeast	126,473	122,016	4,457	3.5	127,703	122,408	5,295	4.1	123,703	119,093	4,610	3.7
Northwest	368,406	358,433	9,973	2.7	373,025	361,584	11,441	3.1	358,048	347,885	10,163	2.8
Southeast	76,271	72,782	3,489	4.6	76,367	72,362	4,005	5.2	76,094	72,722	3,372	4.4
Southwest	87,127	83,415	3,712	4.3	86,746	82,524	4,222	4.9	87,809	84,080	3,729	4.2
West Central	130,785	125,448	5,337	4.1	131,505	125,247	6,258	4.8	130,577	124,952	5,625	4.3
Western	112,713	108,775	3,938	3.5	113,179	108,714	4,465	3.9	110,921	106,538	4,383	4.0

