



2026 Arkansas Labor Market Report

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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 2025 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 busi-

ness 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 1,200 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

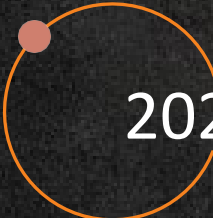
Rate

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

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

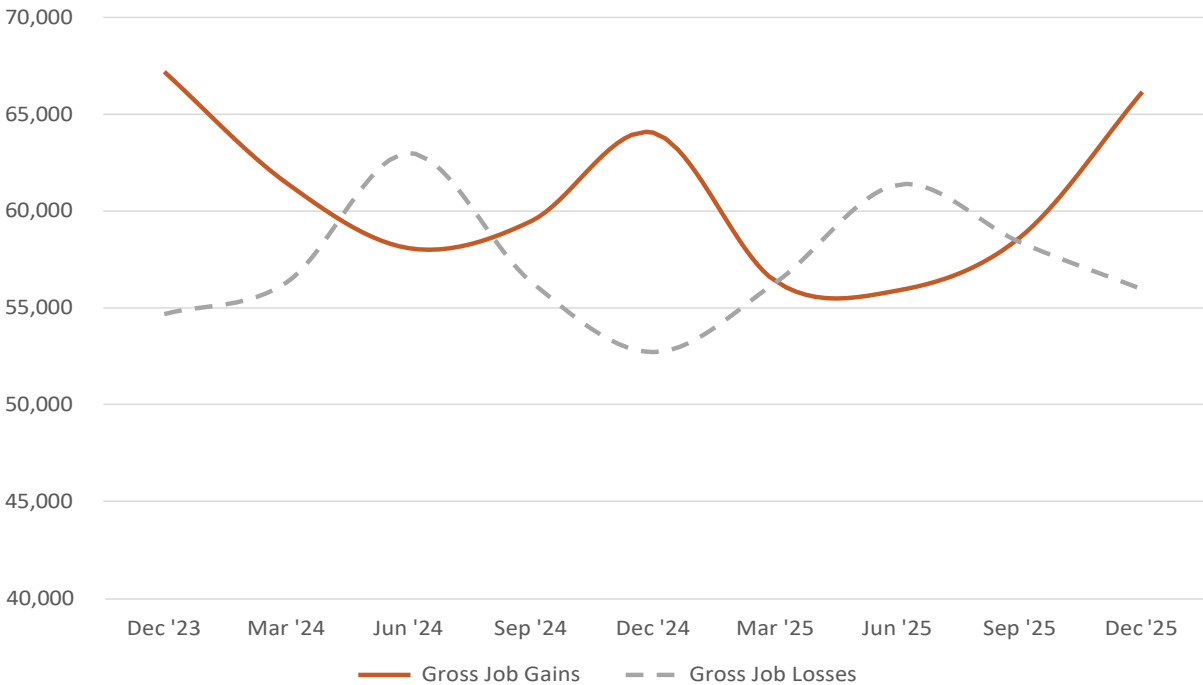
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced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

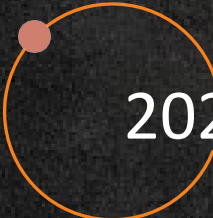
The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions 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.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector) State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)					
Quarter Ending					
Category	Dec 24	Mar 24	Jun 25	Sep 25	Dec 25*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	64,055	56,374	55,899	58,645	66,161
Gross job losses....	52,715	56,305	61,370	58,386	55,085
Net Change.....	11,340	69	-5,471	259	10,205

*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2025

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
4th Quarter 2023 - 4th Quarter 2025





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Civilian Labor Force Summary

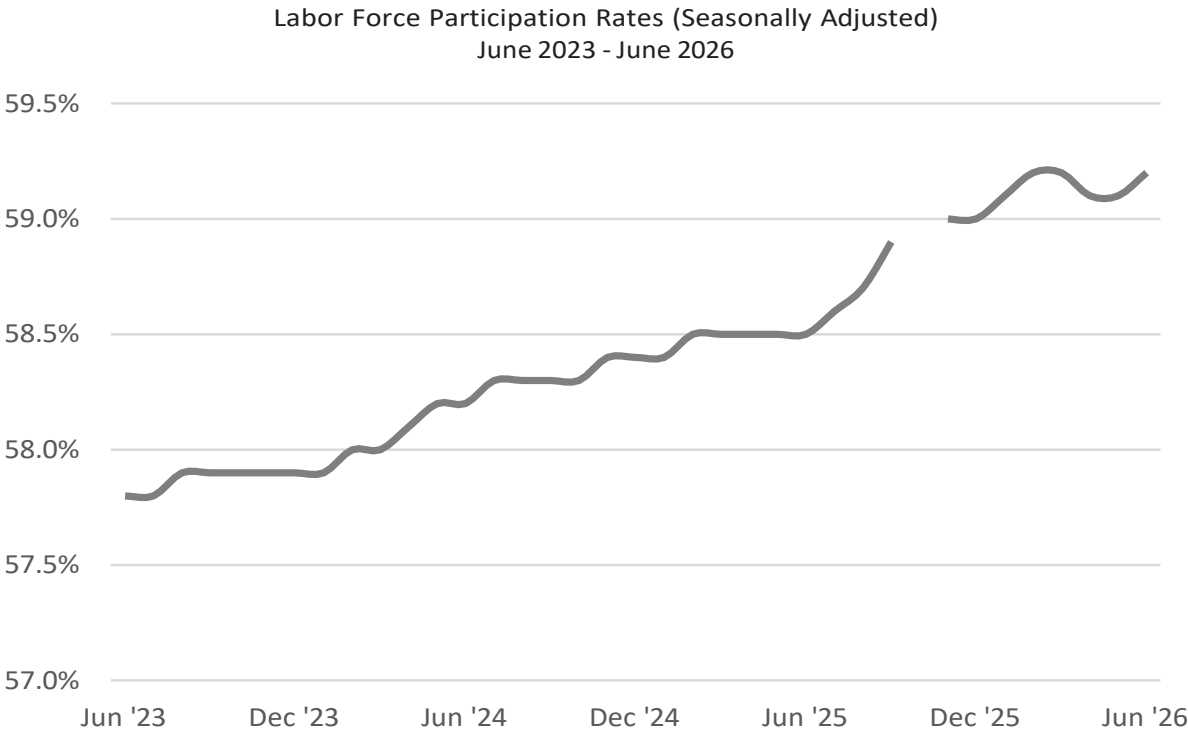
The Arkansas Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.2% in May to 4.1% in June. At 4.2%, the United States’ jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point between May and June.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 1,919 in June, as the number of employed rose by 2,830. The size of the labor force and employment both remain at record high levels, as Arkansas’ labor force participation rose to 59.2% in June.

Compared to June 2025, there are 23,603 more employed in Arkansas. The number of unemployed and the unemployment rate are both up slightly. Growth in the labor force and the working-age population pushed Arkansas’ labor force participation rate up seven-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>		<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,457,656	1,455,737	1,431,816	Civilian Labor Force	1,481,562	1,462,532	1,449,134
Employment	1,398,001	1,395,171	1,374,398	Employment	1,417,786	1,407,917	1,387,125
Unemployment	59,655	60,566	57,418	Unemployment	63,776	54,615	62,009
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%	Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.7%	4.3%
LF Participation Rate	59.2%	59.1%	58.5%	LF Participation Rate	60.2%	59.4%	59.2%



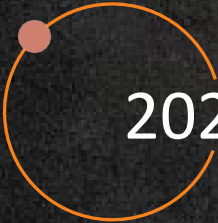
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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

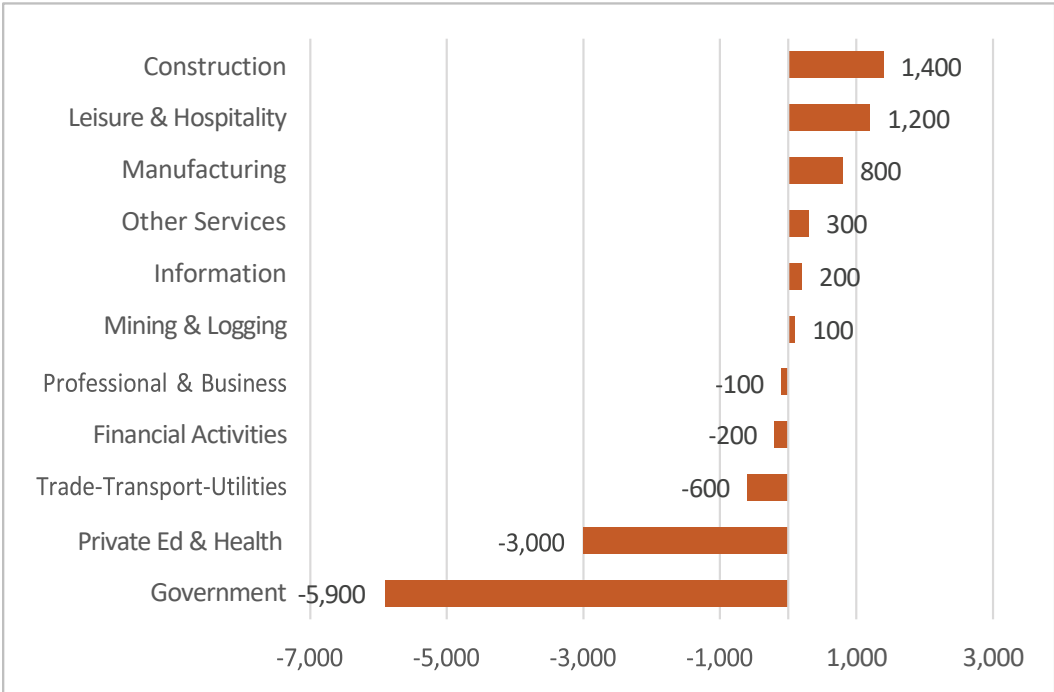
(NAICS)	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1346.0	1351.8	1336.0	-5.8	10.0
Goods Producing	232.4	230.1	231.8	2.3	0.6
Mining, Logging, & Construction	72.7	71.2	72.1	1.5	0.6
Mining & Logging	4.8	4.7	4.8	0.1	0.0
Construction	67.9	66.5	67.3	1.4	0.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	42.2	41.7	42.2	0.5	0.0
Manufacturing	159.7	158.9	159.7	0.8	0.0
Durable Goods	75.5	75.0	75.4	0.5	0.1
Nondurable Goods	84.2	83.9	84.3	0.3	-0.1
Service Providing	1113.6	1121.7	1104.2	-8.1	9.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.0	273.6	269.4	-0.6	3.6
Wholesale Trade	54.4	54.5	54.0	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	144.5	145.1	142.2	-0.6	2.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	74.1	74.0	73.2	0.1	0.9
Information	12.1	11.9	12.0	0.2	0.1
Financial Activities	58.6	58.8	60.0	-0.2	-1.4
Finance & Insurance	43.5	43.5	44.5	0.0	-1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.1	15.3	15.5	-0.2	-0.4
Professional & Business Services	167.0	167.1	164.7	-0.1	2.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical	53.6	53.8	52.2	-0.2	1.4
Management of Companies	43.6	42.9	42.8	0.7	0.8
Administrative & Support Services	69.8	70.4	69.7	-0.6	0.1
Private Education & Health Services	209.0	212.0	206.6	-3.0	2.4
Private Educational Services	16.7	20.3	16.4	-3.6	0.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	192.3	191.7	190.2	0.6	2.1
Ambulatory Health Care	70.4	69.9	69.1	0.5	1.3
Social Assistance	40.9	40.8	40.5	0.1	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	139.1	137.9	135.2	1.2	3.9
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17.5	16.4	16.3	1.1	1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	121.6	121.5	118.9	0.1	2.7
Accommodation Services	11.4	11.0	11.3	0.4	0.1
Food Services	110.2	110.5	107.6	-0.3	2.6
Other Services	52.7	52.4	53.0	0.3	-0.3
Government	202.1	208.0	203.3	-5.9	-1.2
Federal Government	20.2	20.2	21.3	0.0	-1.1
State Government	67.2	71.0	67.9	-3.8	-0.7
State Gov, Educational Services	22.6	26.8	23.0	-4.2	-0.4
State Gov, Excluding Education	44.6	44.2	44.9	0.4	-0.3
Local Government	114.7	116.8	114.1	-2.1	0.6
Local Gov, Educational Services	66.9	70.3	66.9	-3.4	0.0
Local Gov, Excluding Education	47.8	46.5	47.2	1.3	0.6



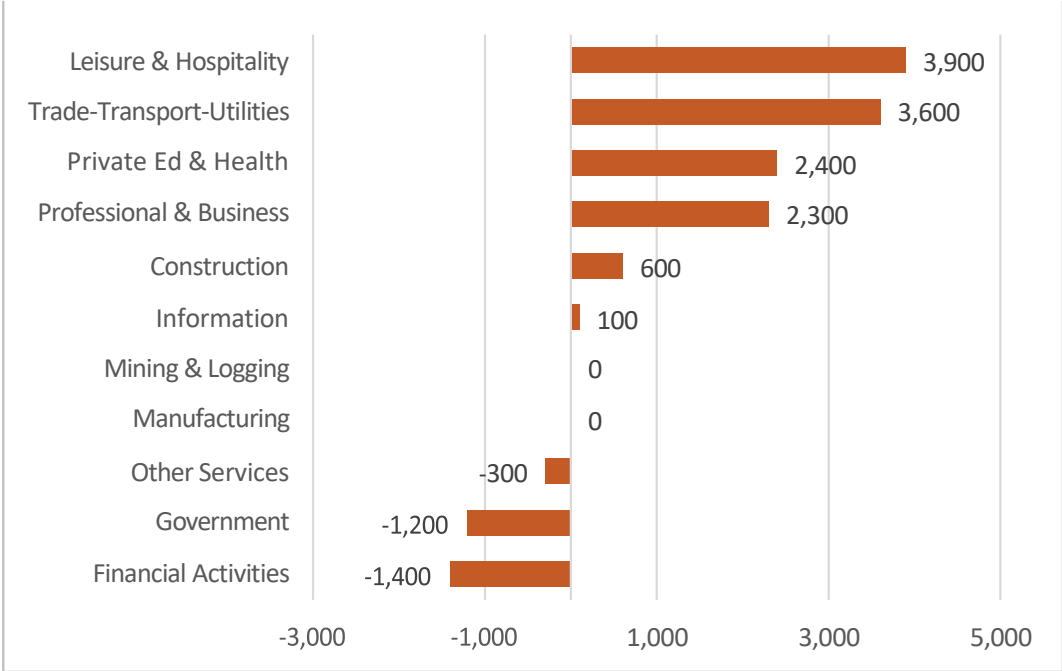
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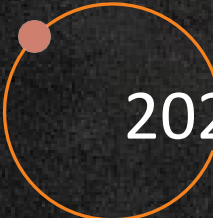
State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
May 2026 - June 2026 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
June 2025 - June 2026 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)





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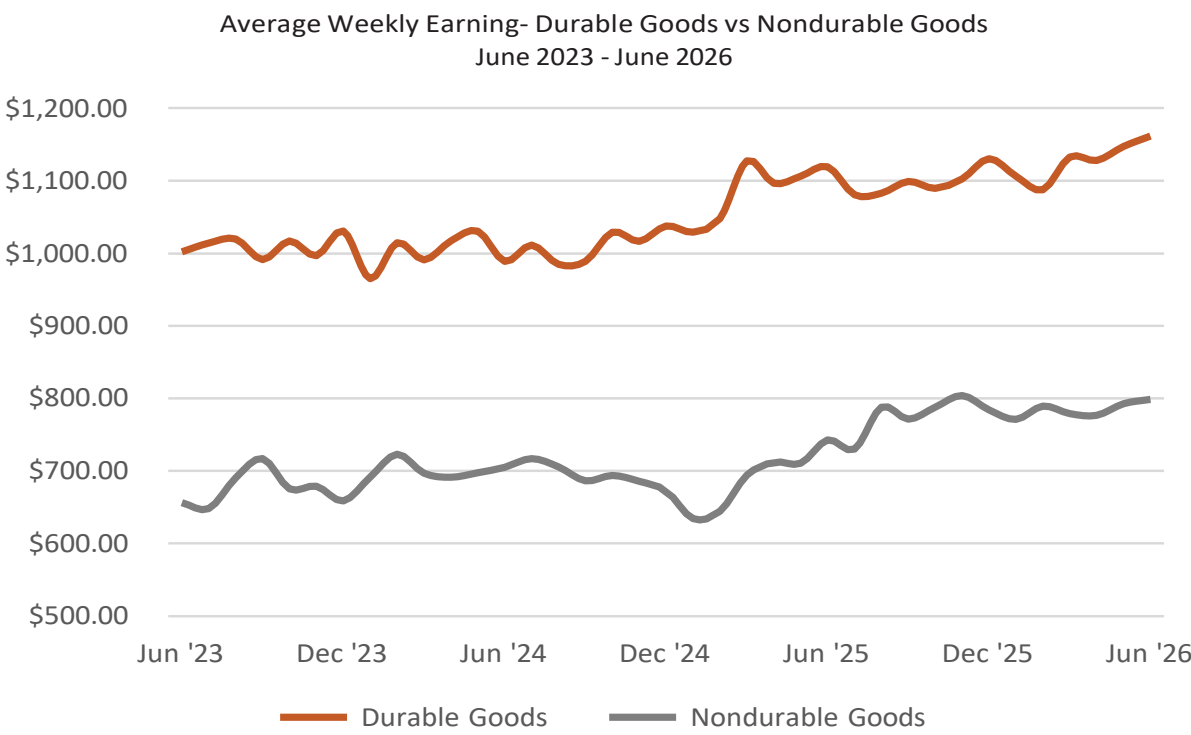
State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.6	39.6	38.5
Average Hourly Earnings	\$24.53	\$24.21	\$23.82
Average Weekly Earnings	\$971.39	\$958.72	\$917.07

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>		<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>
Average Weekly Hours	43.9	44.4	43.2	Average Weekly Hours	35.7	35.4	34.5
Average Hourly Earnings	\$26.47	\$25.85	\$25.92	Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.37	\$22.39	\$21.53
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,162.03	\$1,147.74	\$1,119.74	Average Weekly Earnings	\$798.61	\$792.61	\$742.79



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	401,646	395,470	392,497	6,176	9,149
Employment	385,232	381,015	376,829	4,217	8,403
Unemployment	16,414	14,455	15,668	1,959	746
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.7%	4.0%	0.4%	0.1%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

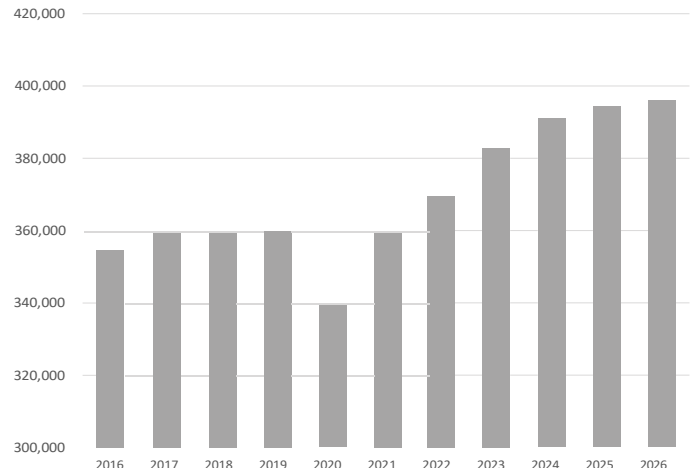
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	396.0	396.2	393.4	-0.2	2.6
Goods Producing	42.7	42.2	42.5	0.5	0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.9	21.4	21.7	0.5	0.2
Manufacturing	20.8	20.8	20.8	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	353.3	354.0	350.9	-0.7	2.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	82.0	81.9	80.1	0.1	1.9
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.3	18.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	40.0	40.0	39.1	0.0	0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	23.7	23.6	22.8	0.1	0.9
Information	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	24.8	24.9	25.4	-0.1	-0.6
Professional & Business Services	50.7	51.1	50.3	-0.4	0.4
Private Education & Health Services	67.7	67.9	65.2	-0.2	2.5
Leisure & Hospitality	36.6	36.2	36.9	0.4	-0.3
Other Services	18.9	18.6	19.0	0.3	-0.1
Government	67.8	68.6	69.1	-0.8	-1.3
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	10.5	0.0	-0.7
State Government	31.3	32.1	31.9	-0.8	-0.6
Local Government	26.7	26.7	26.7	0.0	0.0

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
June: 2016 - 2026



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

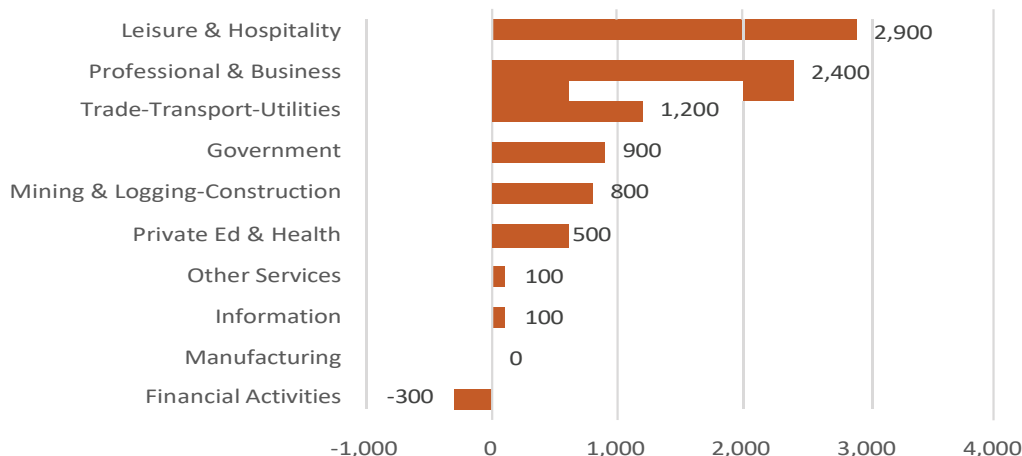
	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	330,976	326,469	317,367	4,507	13,609
Employment	319,057	316,716	306,181	2,341	12,876
Unemployment	11,919	9,753	11,186	2,166	733
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.0%	3.5%	0.6%	0.1%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	308.6	309.8	300.0	-1.2	8.6
Goods Producing	46.9	46.2	46.1	0.7	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	19.4	18.9	18.6	0.5	0.8
Manufacturing	27.5	27.3	27.5	0.2	0.0
Service Providing	261.7	263.6	253.9	-1.9	7.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.2	62.3	61.0	-0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	14.0	14.0	14.1	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	30.1	30.3	28.5	-0.2	1.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.1	18.0	18.4	0.1	-0.3
Information	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	10.6	10.7	10.9	-0.1	-0.3
Professional & Business Services	67.5	67.1	65.1	0.4	2.4
Private Education & Health Services	36.7	37.3	36.2	-0.6	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	36.4	36.1	33.5	0.3	2.9
Other Services	11.6	11.5	11.5	0.1	0.1
Government	34.1	36.1	33.2	-2.0	0.9
Federal Government	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	-0.1
State Government	10.5	12.6	9.9	-2.1	0.6
Local Government	20.6	20.5	20.2	0.1	0.4

Over-the-Year Job Change by Major Industry Sector June 2025 vs June 2026



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas and Sequoyah County in Oklahoma

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	104,576	103,310	103,195	1,266	1,381
Employment	99,923	99,179	98,905	744	1,018
Unemployment	4,653	4,131	4,290	522	363
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.0%	4.2%	0.4%	0.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

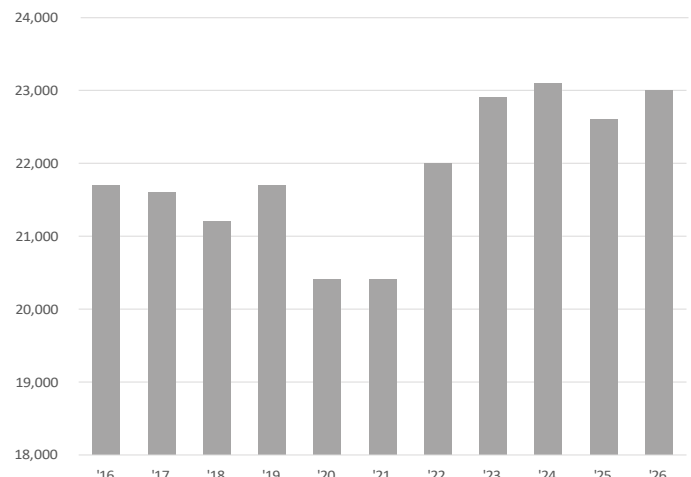
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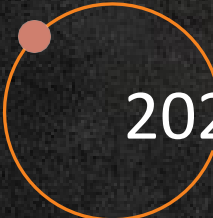
<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	101.8	102.3	101.8	-0.5	0.0
Goods Producing	23.0	22.8	22.6	0.2	0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	17.9	17.8	17.7	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	78.8	79.5	79.2	-0.7	-0.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	20.5	20.5	20.7	0.0	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	11.5	11.6	11.4	-0.1	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	4.6	4.5	4.8	0.1	-0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	10.2	10.3	10.7	-0.1	-0.5
Private Education & Health Services	16.8	17.0	16.8	-0.2	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	10.0	9.9	9.5	0.1	0.5
Other Services	3.7	3.6	3.6	0.1	0.1
Government	12.6	13.2	12.8	-0.6	-0.2
Federal Government	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.0	2.2	2.1	-0.2	-0.1
Local Government	9.4	9.8	9.5	-0.4	-0.1

Civilian Labor Force
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Jobs in Goods Producing Industries
June: 2016 - 2026





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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

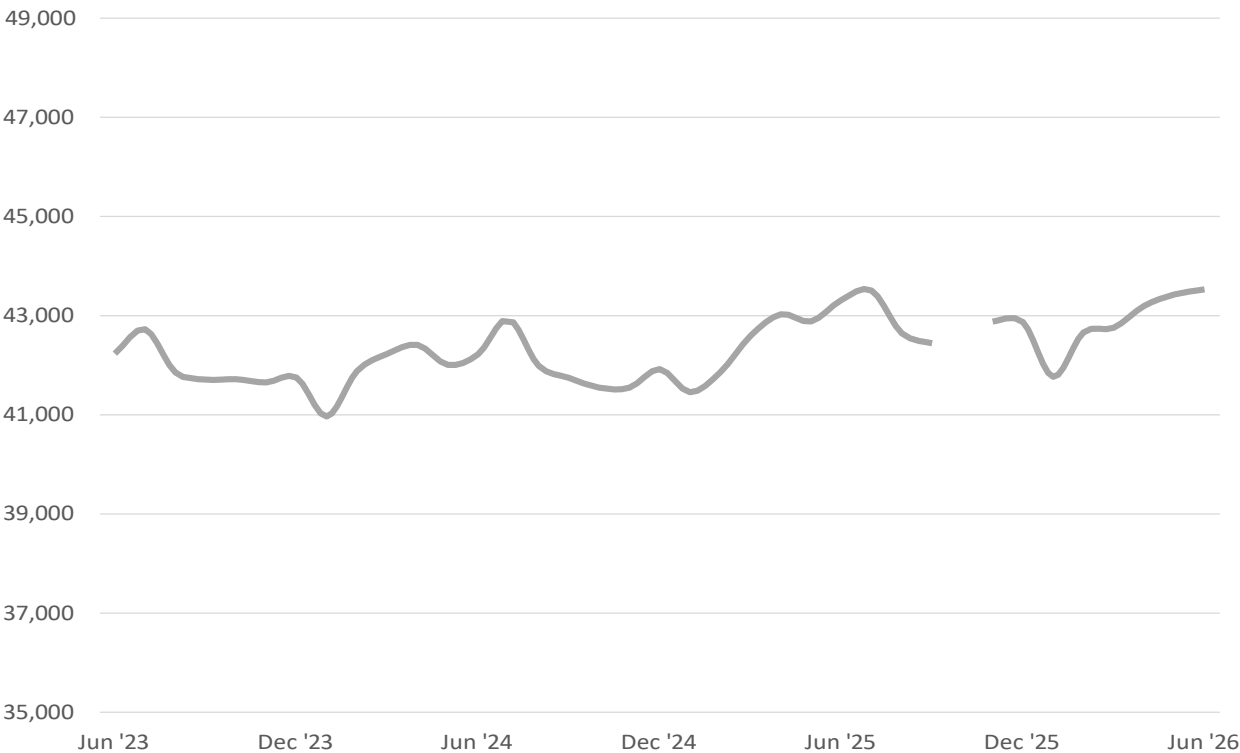
	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	45,537	45,136	45,323	401	214
Employment	43,533	43,430	43,317	103	216
Unemployment	2,004	1,706	2,006	298	-2
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	3.8%	4.4%	0.6%	0.0%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.7	41.3	41.2	-0.6	-0.5
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	36.1	36.7	36.7	-0.6	-0.6
Government	4.1	4.4	4.2	-0.3	-0.1

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	69,189	68,352	67,448	837	1,741
Employment	66,259	65,948	64,545	311	1,714
Unemployment	2,930	2,404	2,903	526	27
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.5%	4.3%	0.7%	-0.1%

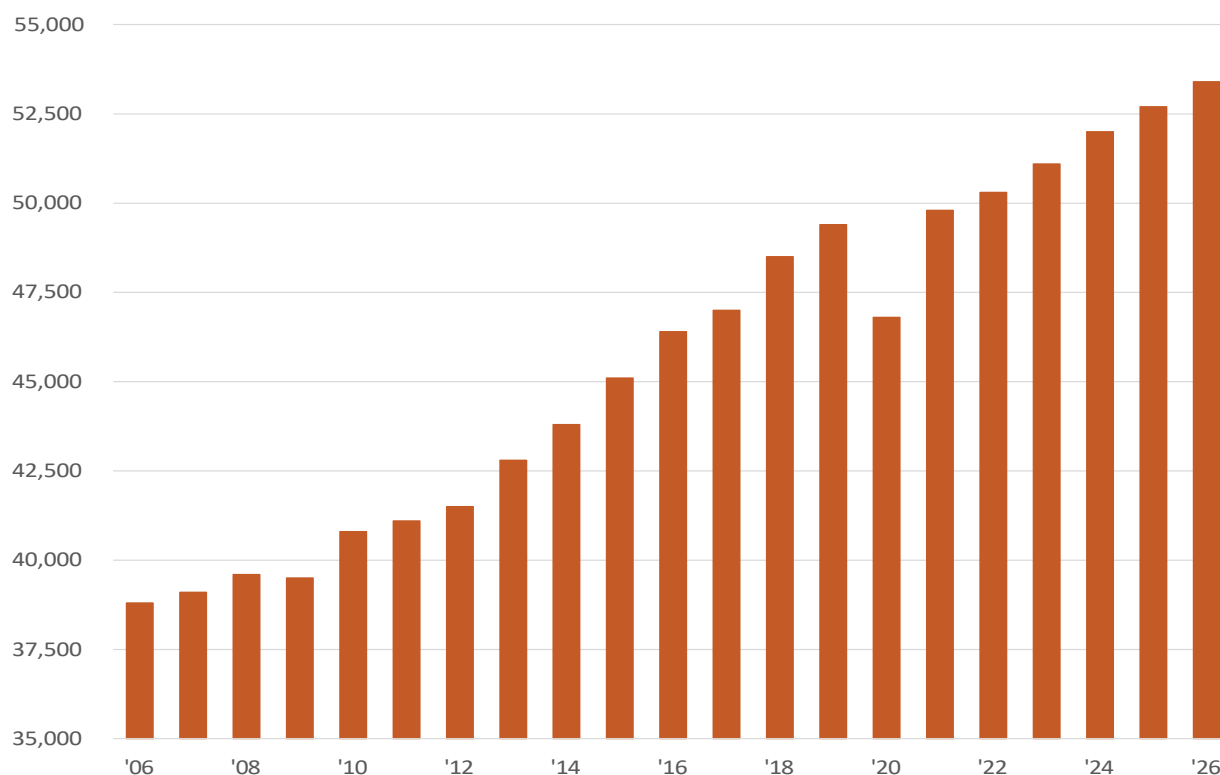
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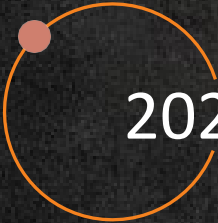
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.6	65.0	63.9	-0.4	0.7
Goods Producing	11.2	11.3	11.2	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	53.4	53.7	52.7	-0.3	0.7
Government	8.9	9.1	8.9	-0.2	0.0

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

June: 2006 - 2026





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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

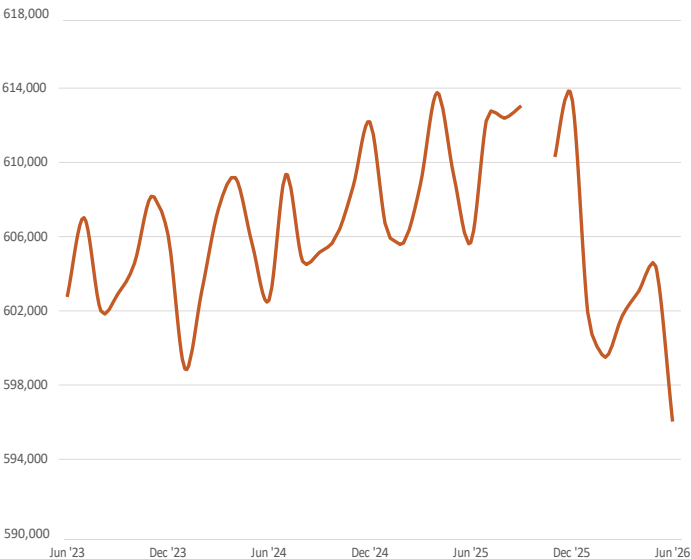
	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	626,249	630,216	636,694	-3,967	-10,445
Employment	596,036	604,398	605,680	-8,362	-9,644
Unemployment	30,213	25,818	31,014	4,395	-801
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.1%	4.9%	0.7%	-0.1%

Texarkana MSA

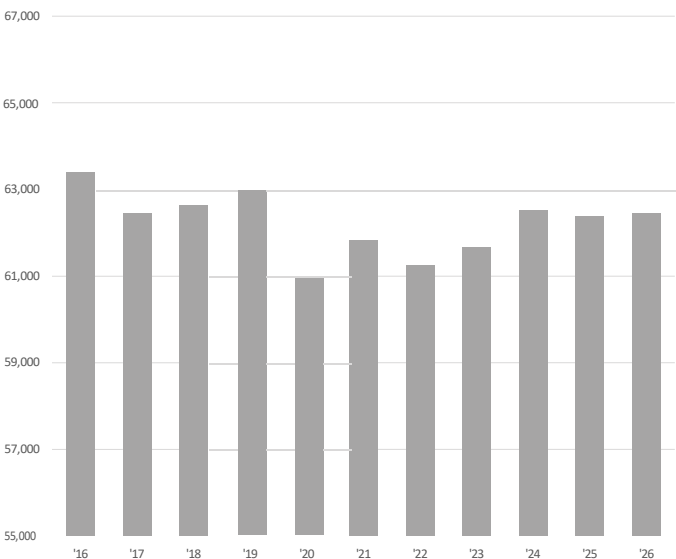
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	62,454	62,267	62,377	187	77
Employment	59,447	59,640	59,607	-193	-160
Unemployment	3,007	2,627	2,770	380	237
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.2%	4.4%	0.6%	0.4%

Memphis MSA - Employment
June 2023 - June 2026



Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force
June: 2016 - 2026



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2026				May 2026				June 2025			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,900	9,375	525	5.3	9,974	9,568	406	4.1	9,906	9,369	537	5.4
Batesville Micro	19,326	18,577	749	3.9	19,080	18,473	607	3.2	18,560	17,844	716	3.9
Blytheville Micro	20,866	19,900	966	4.6	20,660	19,815	845	4.1	21,162	19,994	1,168	5.5
Camden Micro	11,655	11,121	534	4.6	11,463	10,980	483	4.2	11,485	10,933	552	4.8
El Dorado Micro	16,019	15,216	803	5.0	15,798	15,082	716	4.5	15,967	15,083	884	5.5
Forrest City Micro	7,889	7,467	422	5.3	7,854	7,471	383	4.9	7,718	7,271	447	5.8
Harrison Micro	19,753	18,882	871	4.4	19,516	18,810	706	3.6	19,549	18,740	809	4.1
Magnolia Micro	9,180	8,672	508	5.5	9,149	8,748	401	4.4	9,206	8,721	485	5.3
Malvern Micro	13,562	12,929	633	4.7	13,370	12,828	542	4.1	13,541	12,915	626	4.6
Mountain Home Micro	17,925	17,109	816	4.6	17,593	16,881	712	4.0	17,382	16,591	791	4.6
Paragould Micro	20,491	19,518	973	4.7	20,283	19,420	863	4.3	20,782	19,871	911	4.4
Pine Bluff Micro	27,879	26,211	1,668	6.0	27,691	26,153	1,538	5.6	28,018	26,315	1,703	6.1
Russellville Micro	38,293	36,333	1,960	5.1	38,208	36,544	1,664	4.4	37,966	36,082	1,884	5.0
Searcy Micro	36,292	34,701	1,591	4.4	35,911	34,587	1,324	3.7	35,730	34,174	1,556	4.4

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

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Pine Bluff Micro = Cleveland & Jefferson counties

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell Counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	June 2026				May 2026				June 2025			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	15,744	15,081	663	4.2	15,547	14,971	576	3.7	15,063	14,473	590	3.9
Benton	21,368	20,640	728	3.4	21,047	20,421	626	3.0	20,914	20,187	727	3.5
Bentonville	36,700	35,533	1,167	3.2	36,217	35,273	944	2.6	35,237	34,100	1,137	3.2
Blytheville	7,018	6,677	341	4.9	6,970	6,648	322	4.6	7,193	6,708	485	6.7
Cabot	14,332	13,826	506	3.5	14,171	13,705	466	3.3	13,989	13,513	476	3.4
Centerton	15,682	15,203	479	3.1	15,459	15,092	367	2.4	15,035	14,590	445	3.0
Conway	39,341	37,743	1,598	4.1	38,677	37,317	1,360	3.5	38,450	36,925	1,525	4.0
El Dorado	7,046	6,683	363	5.2	6,949	6,624	325	4.7	7,058	6,624	434	6.1
Fayetteville	59,769	57,357	2,412	4.0	58,786	56,931	1,855	3.2	57,337	55,044	2,293	4.0
Fort Smith	42,962	41,166	1,796	4.2	42,471	40,911	1,560	3.7	42,312	40,545	1,767	4.2
Hot Springs	17,747	16,961	786	4.4	17,612	16,921	691	3.9	17,648	16,877	771	4.4
Jacksonville	13,386	12,721	665	5.0	13,152	12,574	578	4.4	13,107	12,447	660	5.0
Jonesboro	41,361	39,538	1,823	4.4	40,827	39,333	1,494	3.7	40,345	38,524	1,821	4.5
Little Rock	109,662	105,041	4,621	4.2	108,073	103,826	4,247	3.9	107,298	102,778	4,520	4.2
North Little Rock	34,767	33,201	1,566	4.5	34,237	32,817	1,420	4.1	33,923	32,486	1,437	4.2
Paragould	13,366	12,720	646	4.8	13,239	12,656	583	4.4	13,559	12,950	609	4.5
Pine Bluff	15,124	14,107	1,017	6.7	15,027	14,058	969	6.4	15,256	14,185	1,071	7.0
Rogers	42,981	41,585	1,396	3.2	42,472	41,281	1,191	2.8	41,241	39,908	1,333	3.2
Russellville	13,841	13,125	716	5.2	13,785	13,214	571	4.1	13,696	13,006	690	5.0
Searcy	10,554	10,032	522	4.9	10,412	9,999	413	4.0	10,397	9,879	518	5.0
Sherwood	17,748	17,054	694	3.9	17,456	16,856	600	3.4	17,364	16,686	678	3.9
Springdale	46,809	45,152	1,657	3.5	46,205	44,818	1,387	3.0	44,840	43,331	1,509	3.4
Texarkana, AR	12,519	11,918	601	4.8	12,342	11,807	535	4.3	12,390	11,753	637	5.1
Van Buren	10,880	10,414	466	4.3	10,750	10,346	404	3.8	10,701	10,259	442	4.1
West Memphis	9,596	8,955	641	6.7	9,500	8,921	579	6.1	9,509	8,795	714	7.5

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	7,346	7,009	337	4.6	7,276	6,963	313	4.3	7,489	7,146	343	4.6
Ashley	7,309	6,899	410	5.6	7,207	6,840	367	5.1	6,983	6,563	420	6.0
Baxter	17,925	17,109	816	4.6	17,593	16,881	712	4.0	17,382	16,591	791	4.6
Benton	176,941	170,760	6,181	3.5	174,657	169,513	5,144	2.9	169,714	163,874	5,840	3.4
Boone	16,925	16,191	734	4.3	16,736	16,143	593	3.5	16,784	16,101	683	4.1
Bradley	3,805	3,592	213	5.6	3,758	3,574	184	4.9	3,857	3,605	252	6.5
Calhoun	2,246	2,158	88	3.9	2,217	2,140	77	3.5	2,154	2,061	93	4.3
Carroll	12,856	12,316	540	4.2	12,541	12,100	441	3.5	12,488	11,992	496	4.0
Chicot	3,316	3,106	210	6.3	3,304	3,109	195	5.9	3,285	3,078	207	6.3
Clark	9,900	9,375	525	5.3	9,974	9,568	406	4.1	9,906	9,369	537	5.4
Clay	6,145	5,873	272	4.4	6,100	5,875	225	3.7	6,086	5,818	268	4.4
Cleburne	10,875	10,367	508	4.7	10,539	10,084	455	4.3	10,694	10,204	490	4.6
Cleveland	3,047	2,902	145	4.8	3,051	2,925	126	4.1	3,025	2,878	147	4.9
Columbia	9,180	8,672	508	5.5	9,149	8,748	401	4.4	9,206	8,721	485	5.3
Conway	9,654	9,230	424	4.4	9,494	9,123	371	3.9	9,429	9,025	404	4.3
Craighead	58,896	56,431	2,465	4.2	58,152	56,139	2,013	3.5	57,432	54,984	2,448	4.3
Crawford	26,696	25,496	1,200	4.5	26,334	25,331	1,003	3.8	26,256	25,116	1,140	4.3
Crittenden	20,991	19,837	1,154	5.5	20,788	19,762	1,026	4.9	20,709	19,482	1,227	5.9
Cross	7,757	7,422	335	4.3	7,661	7,370	291	3.8	7,605	7,274	331	4.4
Dallas	2,846	2,719	127	4.5	2,842	2,719	123	4.3	2,811	2,689	122	4.3
Desha	3,970	3,689	281	7.1	3,943	3,681	262	6.6	4,016	3,723	293	7.3
Drew	8,100	7,706	394	4.9	8,067	7,719	348	4.3	8,090	7,691	399	4.9
Faulkner	69,959	67,172	2,787	4.0	68,793	66,413	2,380	3.5	68,345	65,716	2,629	3.8
Franklin	7,587	7,237	350	4.6	7,520	7,226	294	3.9	7,467	7,128	339	4.5
Fulton	4,303	4,065	238	5.5	4,208	4,021	187	4.4	4,140	3,919	221	5.3
Garland	45,537	43,533	2,004	4.4	45,136	43,430	1,706	3.8	45,323	43,317	2,006	4.4
Grant	9,282	8,929	353	3.8	9,153	8,859	294	3.2	9,045	8,720	325	3.6
Greene	20,491	19,518	973	4.7	20,283	19,420	863	4.3	20,782	19,871	911	4.4
Hempstead	8,927	8,510	417	4.7	8,834	8,489	345	3.9	8,807	8,423	384	4.4
Hot Spring	13,562	12,929	633	4.7	13,370	12,828	542	4.1	13,541	12,915	626	4.6
Howard	4,828	4,578	250	5.2	4,794	4,580	214	4.5	4,841	4,600	241	5.0
Independence	19,326	18,577	749	3.9	19,080	18,473	607	3.2	18,560	17,844	716	3.9
Izard	4,425	4,163	262	5.9	4,451	4,211	240	5.4	4,314	4,062	252	5.8
Jackson	5,884	5,625	259	4.4	5,838	5,627	211	3.6	5,771	5,498	273	4.7
Jefferson	24,832	23,309	1,523	6.1	24,640	23,228	1,412	5.7	24,993	23,437	1,556	6.2
Johnson	10,333	9,744	589	5.7	10,262	9,754	508	5.0	10,184	9,625	559	5.5
Lafayette	2,341	2,229	112	4.8	2,366	2,267	99	4.2	2,298	2,169	129	5.6
Lawrence	7,148	6,821	327	4.6	7,177	6,904	273	3.8	6,924	6,627	297	4.3
Lee	2,395	2,260	135	5.6	2,410	2,285	125	5.2	2,361	2,214	147	6.2
Lincoln	3,261	3,075	186	5.7	3,220	3,055	165	5.1	3,274	3,080	194	5.9
Little River	5,252	5,026	226	4.3	5,188	4,992	196	3.8	5,164	4,952	212	4.1
Logan	9,314	8,893	421	4.5	9,133	8,793	340	3.7	9,171	8,757	414	4.5
Lonoke	38,700	37,222	1,478	3.8	38,144	36,895	1,249	3.3	37,767	36,378	1,389	3.7
Madison	8,795	8,485	310	3.5	8,686	8,430	256	2.9	8,430	8,134	296	3.5
Marion	5,631	5,293	338	6.0	5,487	5,209	278	5.1	5,439	5,101	338	6.2
Miller	17,485	16,637	848	4.8	17,249	16,482	767	4.4	17,303	16,407	896	5.2

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County Labor Force Statistics

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County	June 2026				May 2026				June 2025			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	20,866	19,900	966	4.6	20,660	19,815	845	4.1	21,162	19,994	1,168	5.5
Monroe	2,679	2,531	148	5.5	2,652	2,523	129	4.9	2,667	2,523	144	5.4
Montgomery	3,377	3,214	163	4.8	3,252	3,113	139	4.3	3,311	3,155	156	4.7
Nevada	2,723	2,547	176	6.5	2,670	2,528	142	5.3	2,684	2,529	155	5.8
Newton	2,828	2,691	137	4.8	2,780	2,667	113	4.1	2,765	2,639	126	4.6
Ouachita	9,409	8,963	446	4.7	9,246	8,840	406	4.4	9,331	8,872	459	4.9
Perry	4,532	4,323	209	4.6	4,479	4,292	187	4.2	4,429	4,221	208	4.7
Phillips	4,712	4,356	356	7.6	4,742	4,410	332	7.0	4,756	4,414	342	7.2
Pike	4,358	4,156	202	4.6	4,263	4,090	173	4.1	4,304	4,114	190	4.4
Poinsett	10,293	9,828	465	4.5	10,200	9,809	391	3.8	10,016	9,561	455	4.5
Polk	7,629	7,253	376	4.9	7,555	7,234	321	4.2	7,537	7,192	345	4.6
Pope	28,727	27,196	1,531	5.3	28,678	27,381	1,297	4.5	28,426	26,949	1,477	5.2
Prairie	3,672	3,512	160	4.4	3,645	3,500	145	4.0	3,570	3,419	151	4.2
Pulaski	209,180	200,164	9,016	4.3	206,020	197,849	8,171	4.0	204,522	195,851	8,671	4.2
Randolph	8,414	8,059	355	4.2	8,291	8,005	286	3.4	8,240	7,895	345	4.2
St. Francis	7,889	7,467	422	5.3	7,854	7,471	383	4.9	7,718	7,271	447	5.8
Saline	69,993	67,422	2,571	3.7	68,881	66,707	2,174	3.2	68,389	65,943	2,446	3.6
Scott	4,250	4,070	180	4.2	4,172	4,019	153	3.7	4,185	4,017	168	4.0
Searcy	3,570	3,423	147	4.1	3,476	3,353	123	3.5	3,543	3,400	143	4.0
Sebastian	60,947	58,367	2,580	4.2	60,249	58,005	2,244	3.7	59,962	57,486	2,476	4.1
Sevier	7,396	7,106	290	3.9	7,287	7,070	217	3.0	7,330	7,053	277	3.8
Sharp	6,993	6,673	320	4.6	6,882	6,607	275	4.0	6,806	6,489	317	4.7
Stone	4,309	4,072	237	5.5	4,241	4,040	201	4.7	4,259	4,011	248	5.8
Union	16,019	15,216	803	5.0	15,798	15,082	716	4.5	15,967	15,083	884	5.5
Van Buren	6,221	5,902	319	5.1	6,059	5,781	278	4.6	6,113	5,795	318	5.2
Washington	145,240	139,812	5,428	3.7	143,126	138,773	4,353	3.0	139,223	134,173	5,050	3.6
White	36,292	34,701	1,591	4.4	35,911	34,587	1,324	3.7	35,730	34,174	1,556	4.4
Woodruff	3,150	3,033	117	3.7	3,129	3,027	102	3.3	2,998	2,884	114	3.8
Yell	9,566	9,137	429	4.5	9,530	9,163	367	3.9	9,540	9,133	407	4.3

County Labor Force Summary

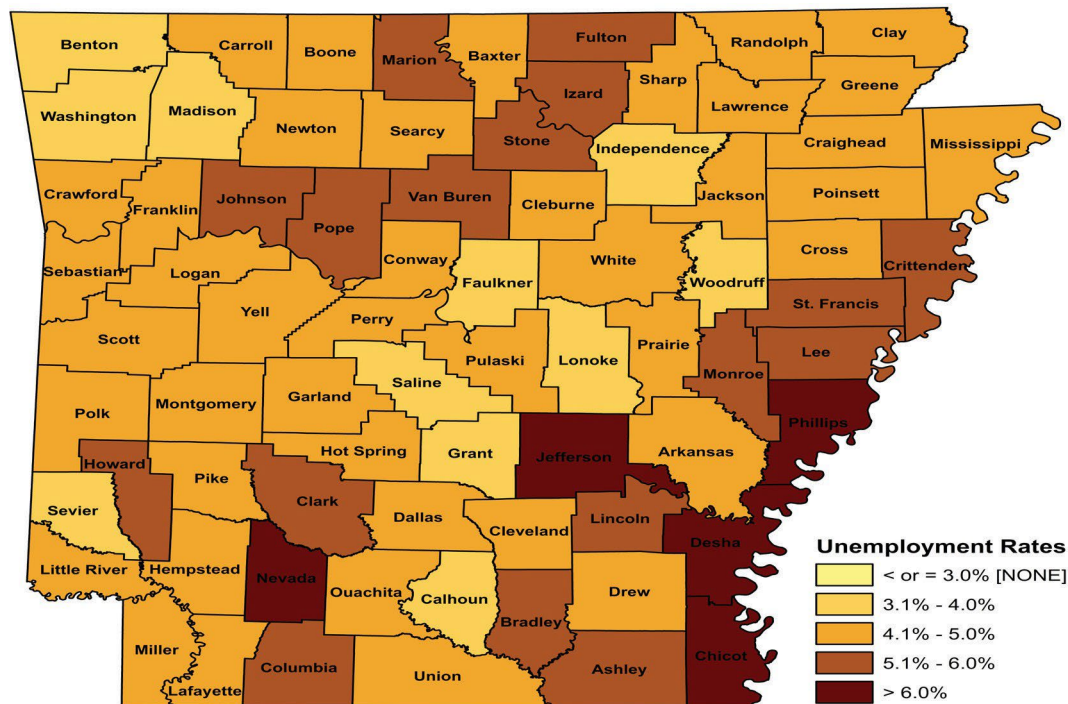
Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 3.5% in Benton and Madison counties to a high of 7.6% in Phillips County.

In June, no county in Arkansas had a jobless rate at or below 3%. That is down from 4 counties at or below three percent last month. Two counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent, compared to one county in May.

Compared to June 2025, unemployment rates are up in 38 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates are down in 25 counties and remained stable in 12 counties. Nevada County had the largest annual rate increase, up 0.7% over the year. The largest rate decline was as nine-tenths of a percentage point drop in both Bradley and Mississippi counties.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.5	22	Prairie	4.4	51	Drew	4.9
1	Madison	3.5	22	White	4.4	51	Polk	4.9
3	Saline	3.7	28	Crawford	4.5	53	Union	5.0
3	Washington	3.7	28	Dallas	4.5	54	Van Buren	5.1
3	Woodruff	3.7	28	Logan	4.5	55	Howard	5.2
6	Grant	3.8	28	Poinsett	4.5	56	Clark	5.3
6	Lonoke	3.8	28	Yell	4.5	56	Pope	5.3
8	Calhoun	3.9	33	Arkansas	4.6	56	St. Francis	5.3
8	Independence	3.9	33	Baxter	4.6	59	Columbia	5.5
8	Sevier	3.9	33	Franklin	4.6	59	Crittenden	5.5
11	Faulkner	4.0	33	Lawrence	4.6	59	Fulton	5.5
12	Searcy	4.1	33	Mississippi	4.6	59	Monroe	5.5
13	Carroll	4.2	33	Perry	4.6	59	Stone	5.5
13	Craighead	4.2	33	Pike	4.6	64	Ashley	5.6
13	Randolph	4.2	33	Sharp	4.6	64	Bradley	5.6
13	Scott	4.2	41	Cleburne	4.7	64	Lee	5.6
13	Sebastian	4.2	41	Greene	4.7	67	Johnson	5.7
18	Boone	4.3	41	Hempstead	4.7	67	Lincoln	5.7
18	Cross	4.3	41	Hot Spring	4.7	69	Izard	5.9
18	Little River	4.3	41	Ouachita	4.7	70	Marion	6.0
18	Pulaski	4.3	46	Cleveland	4.8	71	Jefferson	6.1
22	Clay	4.4	46	Lafayette	4.8	72	Chicot	6.3
22	Conway	4.4	46	Miller	4.8	73	Nevada	6.5
22	Garland	4.4	46	Montgomery	4.8	74	Desha	7.1
22	Jackson	4.4	46	Newton	4.8	75	Phillips	7.6

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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<u>LWDA</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Central (minus LR)	284,521	272,982	11,539	4.1	280,062	270,061	10,001	3.6	277,962	267,052	10,910	3.9
City of Little Rock	109,662	105,041	4,621	4.2	108,073	103,826	4,247	3.9	107,298	102,778	4,520	4.2
Eastern	43,744	41,342	2,402	5.5	43,455	41,298	2,157	5.0	43,149	40,655	2,494	5.8
North Central	101,778	97,178	4,600	4.5	100,338	96,458	3,880	3.9	99,385	94,880	4,505	4.5
Northeast	132,253	126,430	5,823	4.4	130,863	125,967	4,896	3.7	130,642	124,750	5,892	4.5
Northwest	390,711	376,080	14,631	3.7	385,082	373,069	12,013	3.1	375,768	362,005	13,763	3.7
Southeast	74,268	70,216	4,052	5.5	73,619	69,953	3,666	5.0	74,057	69,921	4,136	5.6
Southwest	88,652	84,361	4,291	4.8	87,640	83,937	3,703	4.2	87,896	83,559	4,337	4.9
West Central	139,546	132,837	6,709	4.8	138,438	132,742	5,696	4.1	138,393	131,823	6,570	4.7
Western	116,423	111,316	5,107	4.4	114,963	110,608	4,355	3.8	114,578	109,696	4,882	4.3

