

Arkansas Labor Market

June 2013

Employment Headlines

Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Remains Stable at 7.3 Percent

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Decrease 3,100 in June

Employment Quick Facts

Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
AR Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.3	7.3
US Unemployment Rate	7.6	7.6	8.2

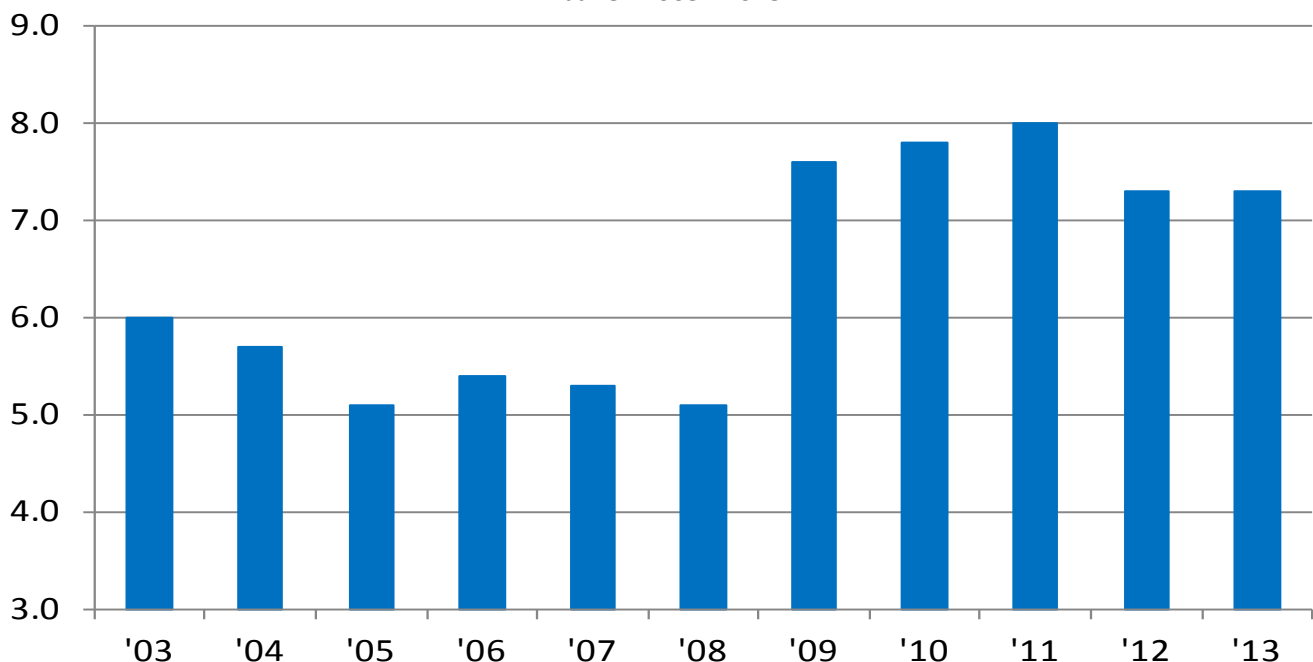
Nonfarm Payroll Summary

State of Arkansas

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	1,189,400	1,192,500	1,181,100
Goods Producing	213,200	212,400	216,700
Service Providing	976,200	980,100	964,400

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas
June: 2003 - 2013



Nonfarm Payroll Employment

State of Arkansas

May 2013 - June 2013

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 3,100 in June to total 1,189,400. Four major industry sectors posted declines, more than offsetting gains in six sectors. **Government** employment decreased 6,000. Losses occurred in both state (-4,300) and local (-1,800) government, reflecting the seasonal decline in public school employment. **Educational and health services** experienced a loss of 1,100 jobs. A majority of the contraction occurred in educational services (-600), related to seasonal fluctuations at private schools. Employment in **other services** increased 2,000. Gains were largely reported in membership associations and organizations. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,300, a typical seasonal expansion.

June 2012 - June 2013

Since June 2012, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment rose 8,300. Two major industry sectors posted sizable gains, more than offsetting moderate declines in eight sectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** experienced the largest increase (+11,300). Growth was reported in both retail trade (+8,700) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+3,700). **Educational and health services** added 4,400 jobs. The majority of the gain occurred in educational services (+3,200). Jobs in **construction** decreased 1,800, due in large part to recent project completions. **Manufacturing** employment declined 1,000.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

(NAICS)	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12
Total Nonfarm	1,189,400	1,192,500	1,181,100
Goods Producing	213,200	212,400	216,700
Mining & Logging	10,300	10,200	11,000
Construction	47,600	46,900	49,400
Specialty Trade Contractors	30,700	29,800	29,900
Manufacturing	155,300	155,300	156,300
Durable Goods	78,900	78,300	77,600
Nondurable Goods	76,400	77,000	78,700
Service Providing	976,200	980,100	964,400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	252,800	253,400	241,500
Wholesale Trade	47,200	47,800	48,300
Retail Trade	140,400	141,600	131,700
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65,200	64,000	61,500
Information	14,600	14,200	14,600
Financial Activities	49,000	49,100	49,400
Finance & Insurance	35,700	35,800	35,900
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,300	13,300	13,500
Professional & Business Services	123,700	123,500	124,600
Professional, Scientific & Technical	38,500	38,500	38,900
Management of Companies	31,900	31,800	30,800
Administrative & Support Services	53,300	53,200	54,900
Educational & Health Services	173,200	174,300	168,800
Educational Services	14,800	15,400	11,600
Health Care & Social Assistance	158,400	158,900	157,200
Ambulatory Health Care	48,700	48,600	47,900
Social Assistance	36,400	36,300	35,600
Leisure & Hospitality	106,300	105,000	107,000
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,100	10,400	11,500
Accommodation & Food Services	95,200	94,600	95,500
Accommodation Services	11,700	11,200	12,000
Food Services	83,500	83,400	83,500
Other Services	43,500	41,500	44,400
Government	213,100	219,100	214,100
Federal Government	20,000	19,900	20,600
State Government	73,100	77,400	72,400
Local Government	120,000	121,800	121,100

Hours and Earnings of Arkansas Production Workers

(Manufacturing Industries)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12
Manufacturing	\$634.44	\$624.02	\$650.87	40.8	40.6	42.1	\$15.55	15.37	\$15.46
Durable Goods	693.36	671.16	696.50	42.8	42.0	43.1	16.20	15.98	16.16
Nondurable Goods	580.32	578.59	607.05	39.0	39.2	41.1	14.88	14.76	14.77

Spotlight

Local Employment Dynamics

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

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

LED Terms and Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Average New Hire Earnings- Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter new hires, divided by the number of full-quarter new hires, divided by three.

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

Local Employment Dynamics

State of Arkansas

2nd Quarter 2011 - 2nd Quarter 2012

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 11</u>	<u>3rd Qtr 11</u>	<u>4th Qtr 11</u>	<u>1st Qtr 12</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 12</u>
Total Employment	1,127,312	1,103,622	1,134,954	1,109,798	1,133,024
Net Job Flows	11,101	-474	-8,514	6,938	9,058
Job Creation	58,263	48,050	42,457	47,983	61,891
New Hires	184,974	190,635	156,302	153,680	190,816
Separations	200,961	209,937	190,356	167,325	212,611
Turnover Rate	8.5%	8.6%	9.2%	8.9%	N/A
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,146.00	\$3,179.00	\$3,292.00	\$3,319.00	\$3,237.00
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$2,068.00	\$2,079.00	\$2,048.00	\$1,904.00	\$2,112.00

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

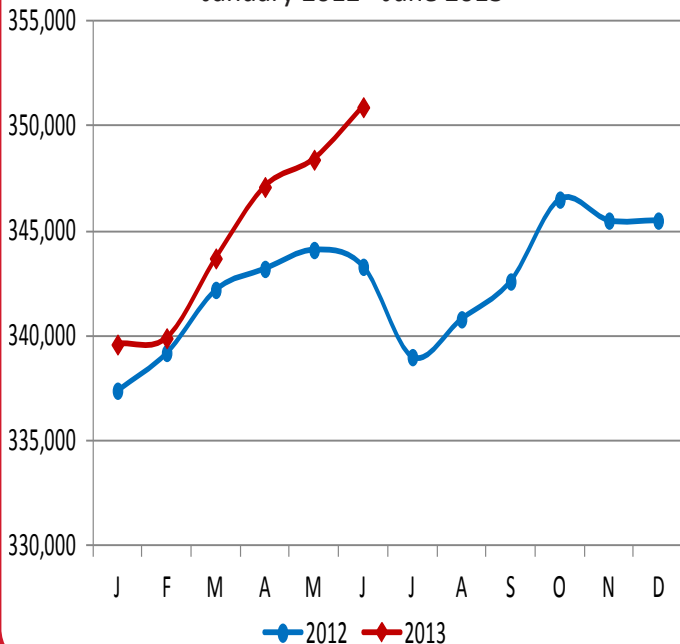
NAICS	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12
Total Nonfarm	350,900	348,400	343,300
Goods Producing	36,900	36,500	37,700
Mining, Logging & Construction	16,900	16,500	17,400
Manufacturing	20,000	20,000	20,300
Service Providing	314,000	311,900	305,600
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	71,100	71,200	66,300
Wholesale Trade	15,800	15,800	16,100
Retail Trade	40,800	41,000	36,300
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14,500	14,400	13,900
Information	7,200	7,100	7,300
Financial Activities	19,800	19,800	20,000
Professional & Business Services	44,400	43,900	44,000
Educational & Health Services	54,300	52,900	51,200
Leisure & Hospitality	31,900	31,100	31,300
Other Services	15,900	15,600	16,100
Government	69,400	70,300	69,400
Federal Government	9,400	9,300	9,400
State Government	31,700	32,600	31,800
Local Government	28,300	28,400	28,200

The LR-NLR-Conway MSA consists of the following counties:
Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12
Civilian Labor Force	349,450	344,675	352,025
Employment	326,100	321,925	328,200
Unemployment	23,350	22,750	23,825
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.6	6.8

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2012 - June 2013



Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

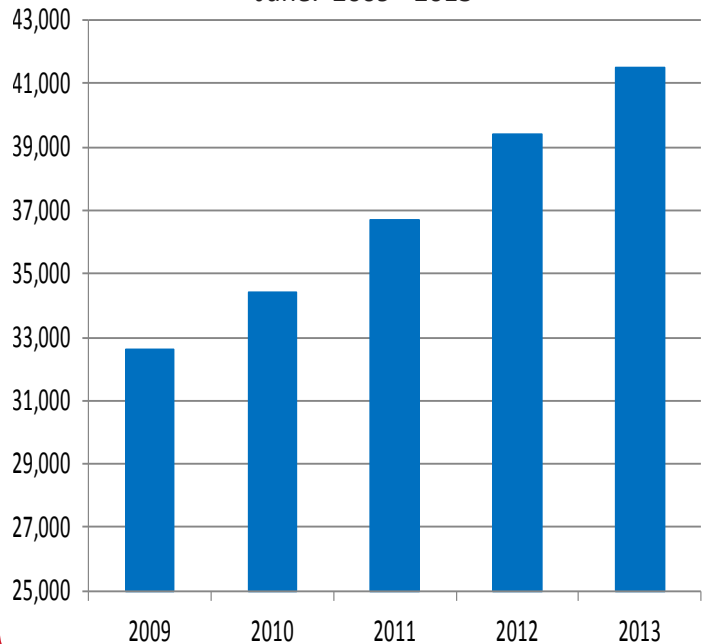
NAICS	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12
Total Nonfarm	218,700	219,200	209,900
Goods Producing	35,700	34,900	34,900
Mining, Logging & Construction	8,800	8,400	8,200
Manufacturing	26,900	26,500	26,700
Service Providing	183,000	184,300	175,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	50,200	50,000	47,600
Wholesale Trade	11,100	11,000	10,600
Retail Trade	23,500	23,500	21,900
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15,600	15,500	15,100
Information	2,000	1,900	1,900
Financial Activities	6,500	6,400	6,400
Professional & Business Services	41,500	41,600	39,400
Educational & Health Services	24,800	25,000	23,300
Leisure & Hospitality	22,100	21,800	21,200
Other Services	7,000	6,900	6,700
Government	28,900	30,700	28,500
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,400
State Government	9,000	10,700	8,700
Local Government	17,600	17,700	17,400

The FSR MSA consists of the following counties:
Benton, Madison, Washington, and McDonald (in Missouri)

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Jun 13	May 13	Jun 12
Civilian Labor Force	241,000	239,975	237,650
Employment	227,200	226,475	223,575
Unemployment	13,800	13,500	14,075
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.6	5.9

Jobs in Professional and Business Services
June: 2009 - 2013



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	120,200	119,200	117,000
Goods Producing	25,600	25,400	26,400
Mining, Logging & Construction	7,100	6,800	7,100
Manufacturing	18,500	18,600	19,300
Service Providing	94,600	93,800	90,600
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	25,800	25,400	24,000
Wholesale Trade	4,300	4,200	4,200
Retail Trade	13,600	13,500	13,000
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7,900	7,700	6,800
Information	1,400	1,400	1,400
Financial Activities	4,400	4,300	4,200
Professional & Business Services	11,600	11,300	11,300
Educational & Health Services	18,000	17,700	17,000
Leisure & Hospitality	9,600	9,400	9,200
Other Services	4,900	4,400	4,600
Government	18,900	19,900	18,900
Federal Government	1,500	1,600	1,600
State Government	2,900	3,200	3,000
Local Government	14,500	15,100	14,300

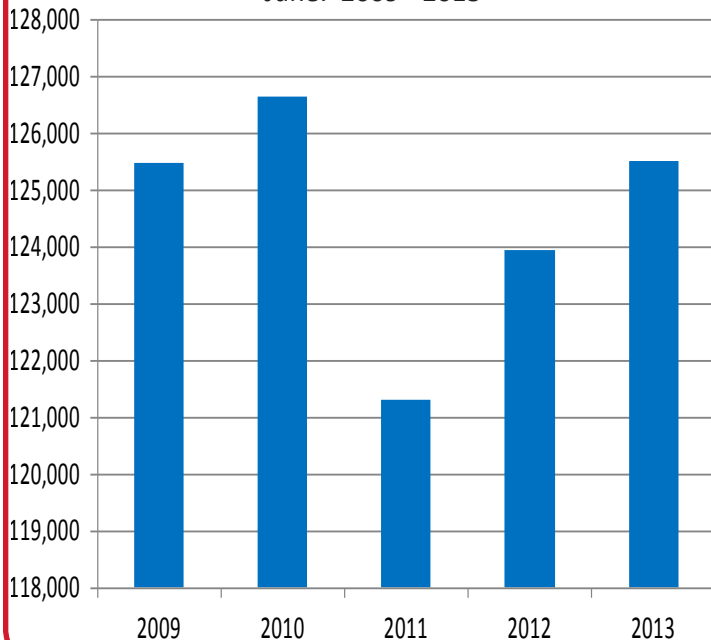
The FS MSA consists of the following counties: Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian, and LeFlore and Sequoyah (in Oklahoma)

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	135,975	133,850	134,150
Employment	125,500	123,600	123,925
Unemployment	10,475	10,250	10,225
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.7	7.6

Number of Employed

June: 2009 - 2013



Hot Springs MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	38,000	37,800	38,300
Goods Producing	4,200	4,000	4,400
Service Providing	33,800	33,800	33,900
Government	5,000	5,300	4,900

The HS MSA consists of the following county: Garland

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,050	41,425	43,850
Employment	38,825	38,250	40,475
Unemployment	3,225	3,175	3,375
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.7	7.7

Jonesboro MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	52,500	52,700	50,300
Goods Producing	9,400	9,300	8,900
Service Providing	43,100	43,400	41,400
Government	8,900	9,100	8,500

The Jonesboro MSA consists of the following counties:

Craighead and Poinsett

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	60,600	60,375	59,825
Employment	56,250	56,200	55,475
Unemployment	4,350	4,175	4,350
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.9	7.2

Pine Bluff MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	35,800	36,100	36,700
Goods Producing	7,100	7,100	7,500
Service Providing	28,700	29,000	29,200
Government	10,400	10,600	10,500

The PB MSA consists of the following counties: Cleveland, Jefferson, and Lincoln

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,175	41,825	43,825
Employment	37,900	37,850	39,675
Unemployment	4,275	3,975	4,150
Unemployment Rate	10.1	9.6	9.5

Civilian Labor Force Statistics

State of Arkansas

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,332,400	1,333,400	1,355,000	-1,000	-22,600	1,351,300	1,342,200	1,376,400	9,100	-25,100
Employment	1,234,700	1,236,400	1,255,600	-1,700	-20,900	1,248,900	1,243,500	1,272,500	5,400	-23,600
Unemployment	97,700	97,000	99,400	700	-1,700	102,400	98,700	103,900	3,700	-1,500
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.3	7.3	0.0	0.0	7.6	7.4	7.5	0.2	0.1
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.6	7.6	8.2	0.0	-0.6	7.8	7.3	8.4	0.5	-0.6

Out-of-State MSAs

Memphis, Tennessee

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	618,625	610,625	625,000
Employment	556,750	552,625	564,650
Unemployment	61,875	58,000	60,350
Unemployment Rate	10.0	9.5	9.7

Texarkana, Texas

	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,600	63,975	66,450
Employment	59,900	59,400	61,750
Unemployment	4,700	4,575	4,700
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.1	7.1

Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in 48 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates declined in fifteen counties and remained unchanged in twelve.

In June, five counties enjoyed jobless rates at or below six percent. Eighteen counties posted rates at or above ten percent, up from fourteen counties in May.

Compared to June 2012, unemployment rates have increased in 34 counties. Thirty-three counties posted rate declines, while eight remained the same.

Unemployment Rates by County

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Jun 12</u>
10	Arkansas	6.8	6.6	7.3	73	Lee	11.6	11.3	11.8
74	Ashley	11.7	11.4	12.9	38	Lincoln	8.3	8.4	9.1
35	Baxter	8.1	8.0	7.8	28	Little River	7.8	7.9	7.0
4	Benton	5.7	5.6	5.9	35	Logan	8.1	7.9	8.0
21	Boone	7.3	7.3	7.2	6	Lonoke	6.2	6.3	6.3
50	Bradley	9.2	9.2	10.7	2	Madison	5.6	5.9	5.6
61	Calhoun	10.3	9.4	9.1	44	Marion	8.6	8.3	8.0
1	Carroll	5.3	5.5	5.2	7	Miller	6.6	6.8	6.6
69	Chicot	11.3	11.3	10.2	75	Mississippi	13.0	10.8	11.6
54	Clark	9.8	9.3	10.1	44	Monroe	8.6	8.3	8.4
71	Clay	11.4	11.4	12.0	13	Montgomery	6.9	7.6	7.2
19	Cleburne	7.2	7.3	7.2	30	Nevada	7.9	7.5	6.5
25	Cleveland	7.7	7.9	6.4	13	Newton	6.9	6.6	7.7
53	Columbia	9.6	9.0	9.3	51	Ouachita	9.3	9.2	9.5
38	Conway	8.3	8.2	7.9	30	Perry	7.9	8.3	7.8
13	Craighead	6.9	6.7	7.2	71	Phillips	11.4	11.2	11.3
25	Crawford	7.7	7.4	7.7	49	Pike	9.0	8.8	9.2
69	Crittenden	11.3	10.0	11.3	41	Poinsett	8.5	7.9	7.5
35	Cross	8.1	8.1	8.3	30	Polk	7.9	7.9	7.9
57	Dallas	9.9	9.8	10.8	38	Pope	8.3	7.9	7.8
65	Desha	10.8	10.4	10.6	13	Prairie	6.9	7.0	7.8
67	Drew	10.9	10.6	11.5	13	Pulaski	6.9	6.7	7.0
7	Faulkner	6.6	6.7	6.7	54	Randolph	9.8	9.5	10.1
21	Franklin	7.3	6.5	7.2	68	St. Francis	11.1	10.8	11.7
18	Fulton	7.0	7.0	7.3	5	Saline	6.0	6.0	6.3
25	Garland	7.7	7.7	7.7	9	Scott	6.7	6.8	6.8
10	Grant	6.8	6.8	6.7	30	Searcy	7.9	8.1	8.1
44	Greene	8.6	8.2	8.8	23	Sebastian	7.6	7.3	6.9
23	Hempstead	7.6	7.1	7.3	34	Sevier	8.0	8.0	8.1
19	Hot Spring	7.2	6.9	6.7	59	Sharp	10.1	10.0	9.8
28	Howard	7.8	7.6	7.0	61	Stone	10.3	10.1	10.0
52	Independence	9.4	9.1	8.9	41	Union	8.5	8.3	8.9
48	Izard	8.8	8.9	8.8	44	Van Buren	8.6	8.5	9.0
59	Jackson	10.1	9.5	9.4	2	Washington	5.6	5.6	5.8
64	Jefferson	10.7	9.9	9.9	41	White	8.5	8.4	8.2
58	Johnson	10.0	7.2	7.4	63	Woodruff	10.6	10.0	11.5
65	Lafayette	10.8	10.4	10.4	10	Yell	6.8	6.7	6.7
54	Lawrence	9.8	9.6	9.9					

Lowest Rates

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1	Carroll	5.3
2	Madison	5.6
2	Washington	5.6
4	Benton	5.7
5	Saline	6.0

Highest Rates

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
71	Clay	11.4
71	Phillips	11.4
73	Lee	11.6
74	Ashley	11.7
75	Mississippi	13.0

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