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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 2019 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

## Technical Notes

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 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

### Civilian Labor Force

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

### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

### Unemployment

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

### Unemployment

#### Rate

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

### Seasonal

#### Adjustment

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



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## JUNE SPOTLIGHT

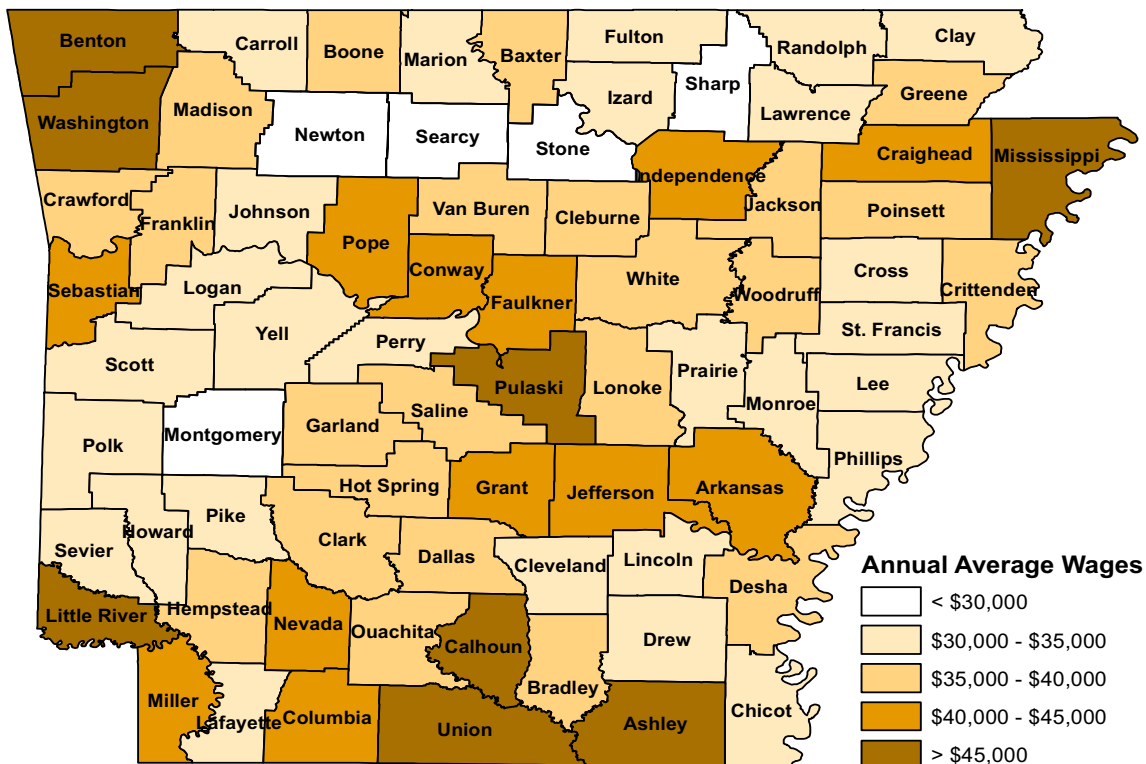
### Wages in Arkansas

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating UI covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the extensive nature of the information, data can be produced at any level--national, statewide, counties, and cities.

The information below comes from the QCEW program and shows annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the calendar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages below are compiled using all industries in the private sector, for all workers included under UI tax law. It is important to note that QCEW data is based on county of employment, not county of residency. So if an individual works in a different county than where they live, their wages are counted in the county where they work.

In 2019, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of \$25,095, for those employed in Newton County, to a high of \$63,946 in Benton County. Compared to 2018 annual averages, wages are up in 69 Arkansas counties.

**Wages in Arkansas by County**  
2019 Annual Average (Private Sector)





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

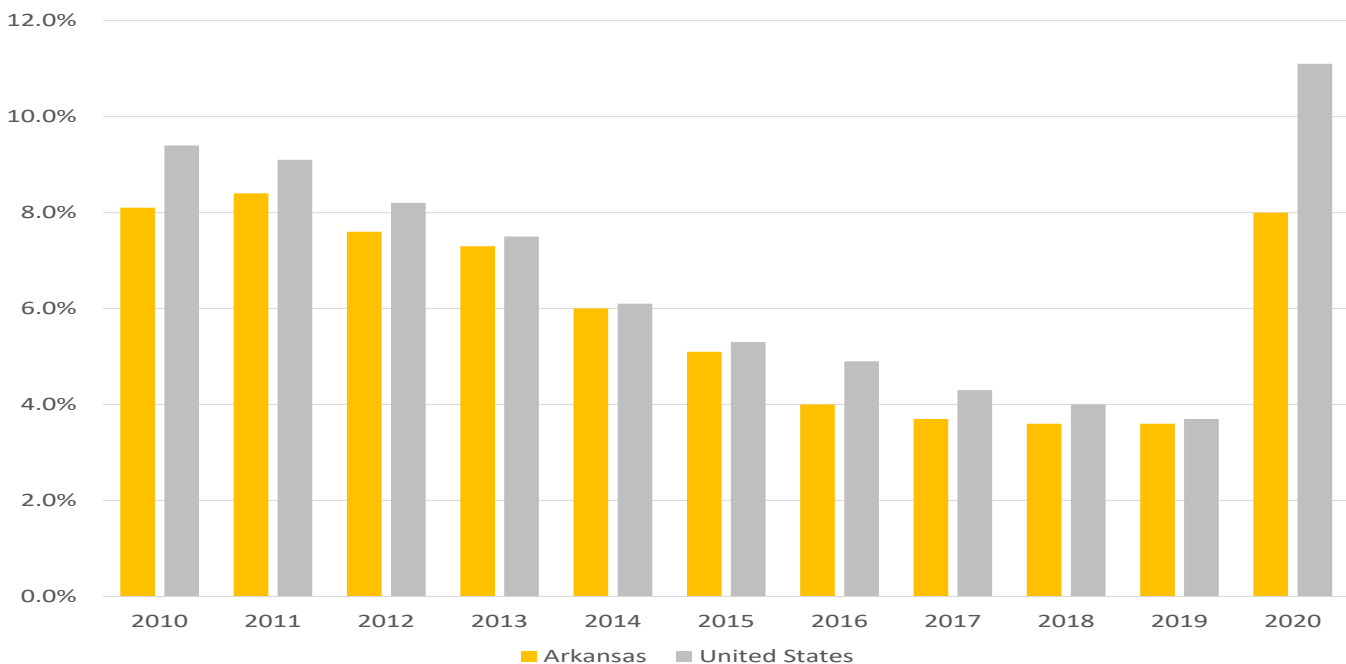
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one and six-tenths of a percentage point, from 9.6 percent in May to 8.0 percent in June. May's unemployment rate was revised up from 9.5 percent to 9.6 percent. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 33,219 in June, a result of 9,297 fewer employed and 23,922 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate decreased over two full percentage points, going from 13.3 percent in May to 11.1 percent in June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Despite moving into Phase 2 of reopening in June, there was a notable increase in the number of survey respondents in Arkansas reporting that they were not employed or had dropped out of the labor force. This was due in part to changes in seasonal summer hiring trends and recent temporary layoffs/closures. These reported losses more than offset the hiring that occurred in June."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 20	May 20	Jun 19	Jun 20	May 20	Jun 19	
Civilian Labor Force	1,312,290	1,345,509	1,360,371	Civilian Labor Force	1,329,793	1,349,503	1,379,283
Employment	1,206,952	1,216,249	1,312,004	Employment	1,220,232	1,222,416	1,322,546
Unemployment	105,338	129,260	48,367	Unemployment	109,561	127,087	56,737
Unemployment Rate	8.0	9.6	3.6	Unemployment Rate	8.2	9.4	4.1
U.S. Unemployment	11.1	13.3	3.7	U.S. Unemployment	11.2	13.0	3.8

**Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
June: 2010 - 2020





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1210.9	1192.4	1272.4	18.5	-61.5
Goods Producing	203.3	201.9	221.8	1.4	-18.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.9	58.3	59.1	0.6	-0.2
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.9	33.4	33.6	0.5	0.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-18.3</b>
Durable Goods	64.4	63.3	78.1	1.1	-13.7
Nondurable Goods	80.0	80.3	84.6	-0.3	-4.6
Service Providing	1007.6	990.5	1050.6	17.1	-43.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>254.2</b>	<b>246.6</b>	<b>251.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Wholesale Trade	48.8	48.2	47.8	0.6	1.0
Retail Trade	135.8	129.0	136.0	6.8	-0.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	69.6	69.4	67.6	0.2	2.0
<b>Information</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
Finance & Insurance	47.7	48.0	48.9	-0.3	-1.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.2	13.1	14.1	0.1	-0.9
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>141.5</b>	<b>139.4</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.8	43.5	44.4	0.3	-0.6
Management of Companies	35.6	35.1	33.6	0.5	2.0
Administrative & Support Services	62.1	60.8	65.7	1.3	-3.6
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>180.2</b>	<b>181.6</b>	<b>190.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-9.9</b>
Educational Services	13.5	14.1	13.0	-0.6	0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	166.7	167.5	177.1	-0.8	-10.4
Ambulatory Health Care	56.9	57.4	59.3	-0.5	-2.4
Social Assistance	35.3	35.7	39.3	-0.4	-4.0
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>122.4</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-19.1</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.4	11.2	13.6	2.2	-0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	89.9	82.2	108.8	7.7	-18.9
Accommodation Services	7.9	7.6	12.1	0.3	-4.2
Food Services	82.0	74.6	96.7	7.4	-14.7
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>200.2</b>	<b>203.3</b>	<b>208.4</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-8.2</b>
Federal Government	20.5	20.7	20.3	-0.2	0.2
State Government	70.9	74.3	74.6	-3.4	-3.7
State Gov, Educational Services	23.3	26.6	26.7	-3.3	-3.4
State Gov, Excluding Education	47.6	47.7	47.9	-0.1	-0.3
Local Government	108.8	108.3	113.5	0.5	-4.7
Local Gov, Educational Services	66.7	66.6	67.4	0.1	-0.7
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.1	41.7	46.1	0.4	-4.0



## STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### May 2020 - June 2020

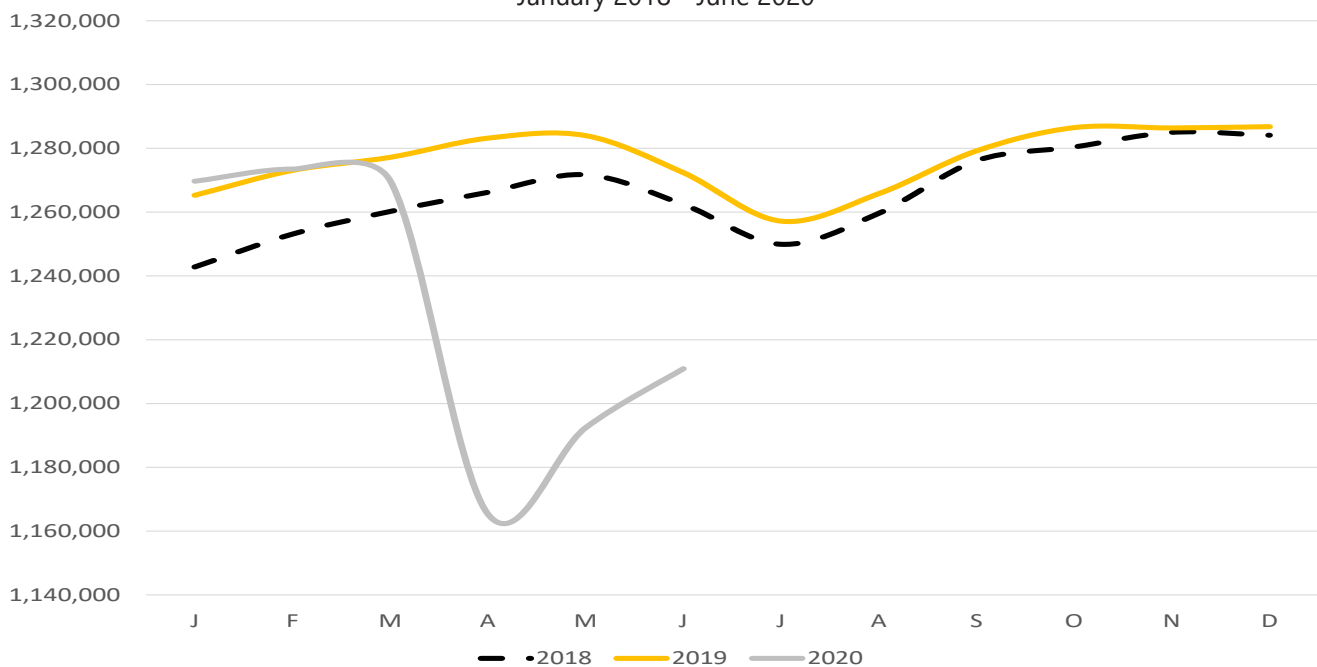
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 18,500 in June to total 1,210,900. Six major industry sectors posted gains, while employment in four sectors declined. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased 9,900. Hiring occurred across all subsectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 7,600 jobs, mostly in retail trade (+6,800). Employment in **other services** rose 2,300. This sector includes businesses such as hair and nail salons, day spas, and membership organizations. **Professional and business services** increased 2,100. Gains were posted in all three subsectors. Jobs in **government** decreased 3,100. Most of the contractions were in state government, educational services (-3,300). **Educational and health services** declined 1,400. Small losses occurred in health care and social assistance (-800) and in educational services (-600).

### June 2019 - June 2020

Compared to June 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are down 61,500. Losses were reported in nine major industry sectors, while two sectors added jobs. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** declined 19,100. Most of the reduction was in accommodation and food services (-18,900). Jobs in **manufacturing** decreased 18,300, largely due to durable goods manufacturing (-13,700). Employment in **educational and health services** is down 9,900. All losses were posted in health care and social assistance (-10,400). **Government** jobs declined 8,200, with contractions in both local (-4,700) and state (-3,700) government. Smaller losses were reported in **other services** (-3,000), **professional and business services** (-2,200), **financial activities** (-2,100), **information** (-1,300), and **mining and logging** (-900). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,800 over-the-year. Gains in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,000) and wholesale trade (+1,000) more than offset minor declines in retail trade (-200).

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2018 - June 2020





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS

### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

#### Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.2	38.0	43.7
Average Hourly Earnings	18.82	18.24	18.68
Average Weekly Earnings	737.74	693.12	812.82

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>		<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.8	37.2	42.2	Average Weekly Hours	39.6	38.7	45.0
Average Hourly Earnings	20.81	20.09	20.50	Average Hourly Earnings	17.29	16.88	17.02
Average Weekly Earnings	807.43	747.35	865.10	Average Weekly Earnings	684.68	653.26	765.90

#### Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)

June: 2010 - 2020





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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 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	349,070	354,363	362,917	-5,293	-13,847
Employment	318,079	318,128	350,741	-49	-32,662
Unemployment	30,991	36,235	12,176	-5,244	18,815
Unemployment Rate	8.9	10.2	3.4	-1.3	5.5

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

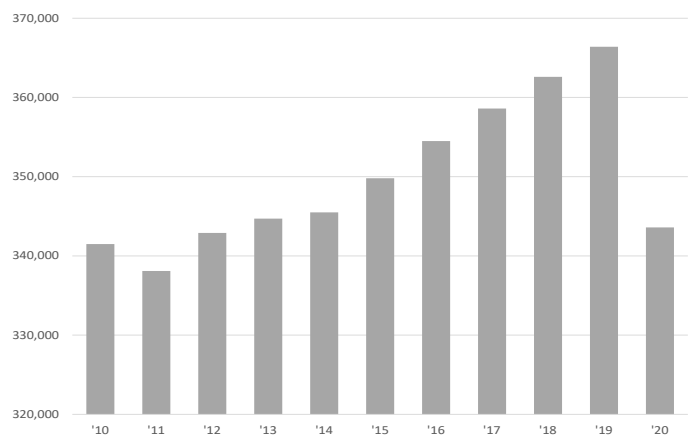
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	343.6	337.6	366.4	6.0	-22.8
Goods Producing	37.4	36.9	39.4	0.5	-2.0
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Service Providing	306.2	300.7	327.0	5.5	-20.8
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	15.6	15.5	15.8	0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	36.3	33.7	37.5	2.6	-1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.0	16.9	16.9	0.1	0.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-6.2</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
Federal Government	9.9	9.9	9.6	0.0	0.3
State Government	33.1	33.6	34.6	-0.5	-1.5
Local Government	23.7	23.7	26.0	0.0	-2.3

**Number of Unemployed**  
June 2018 - June 2020



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
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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)

	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	273,583	277,485	280,387	-3,902	-6,804
Employment	256,159	257,600	272,693	-1,441	-16,534
Unemployment	17,424	19,885	7,694	-2,461	9,730
Unemployment Rate	6.4	7.2	2.7	-0.8	3.7

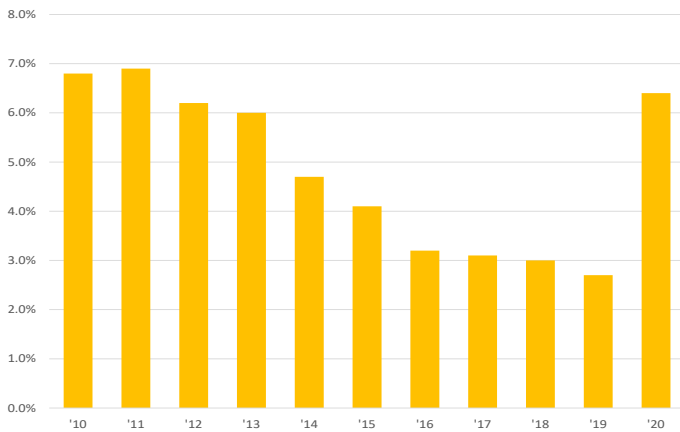
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	253.8	251.3	261.0	2.5	-7.2
Goods Producing	40.9	40.8	42.6	0.1	-1.7
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Service Providing	212.9	210.5	218.4	2.4	-5.5
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.2	12.2	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	25.5	24.3	25.7	1.2	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.7	18.6	18.3	0.1	0.4
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	13.3	14.8	13.9	-1.5	-0.6
Local Government	18.7	18.7	19.4	0.0	-0.7

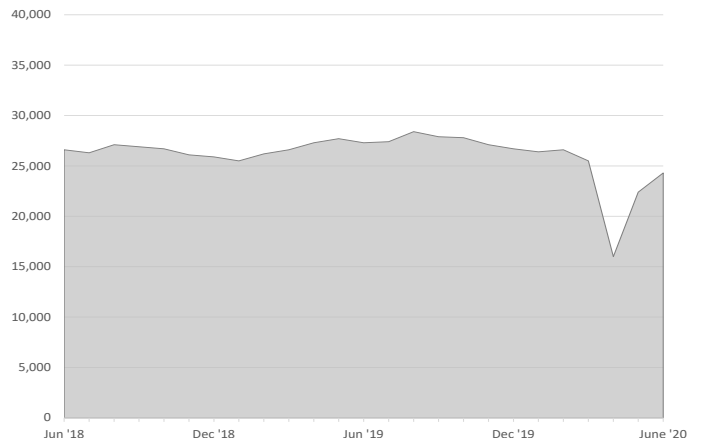
#### Unemployment Rates

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#### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

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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)

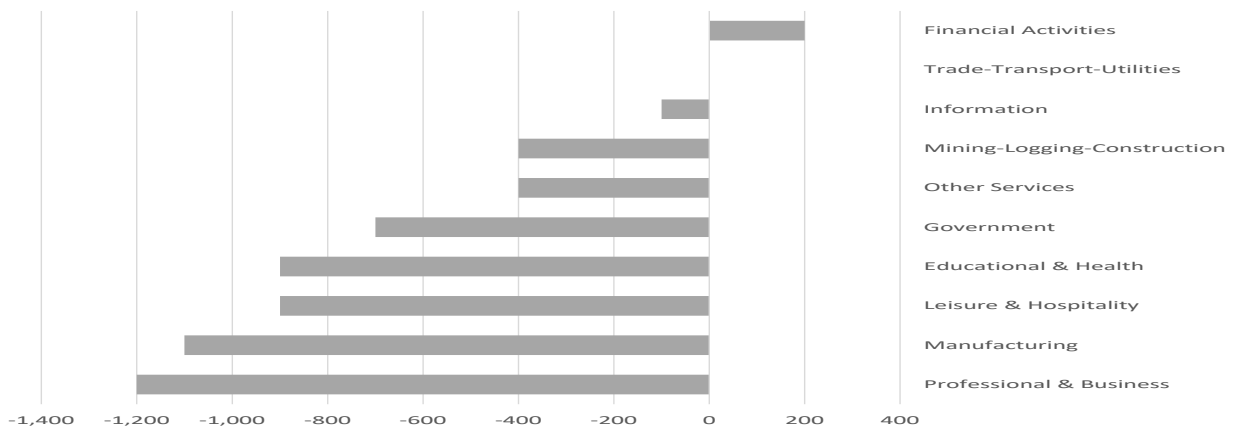
	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	115,429	119,688	120,421	-4,259	-4,992
Employment	106,907	105,975	115,731	932	-8,824
Unemployment	8,522	13,713	4,690	-5,191	3,832
Unemployment Rate	7.4	11.5	3.9	-4.1	3.5

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	108.4	107.1	113.9	1.3	-5.5
Goods Producing	22.0	21.8	23.5	0.2	-1.5
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Service Providing	86.4	85.3	90.4	1.1	-4.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.9	12.3	12.2	0.6	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.8	5.8	6.5	0.0	-0.7
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.8	3.0	2.9	-0.2	-0.1
Local Government	13.3	13.7	13.9	-0.4	-0.6

### Over-the-Year Change by Industry Sector June 2019 vs June 2020





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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

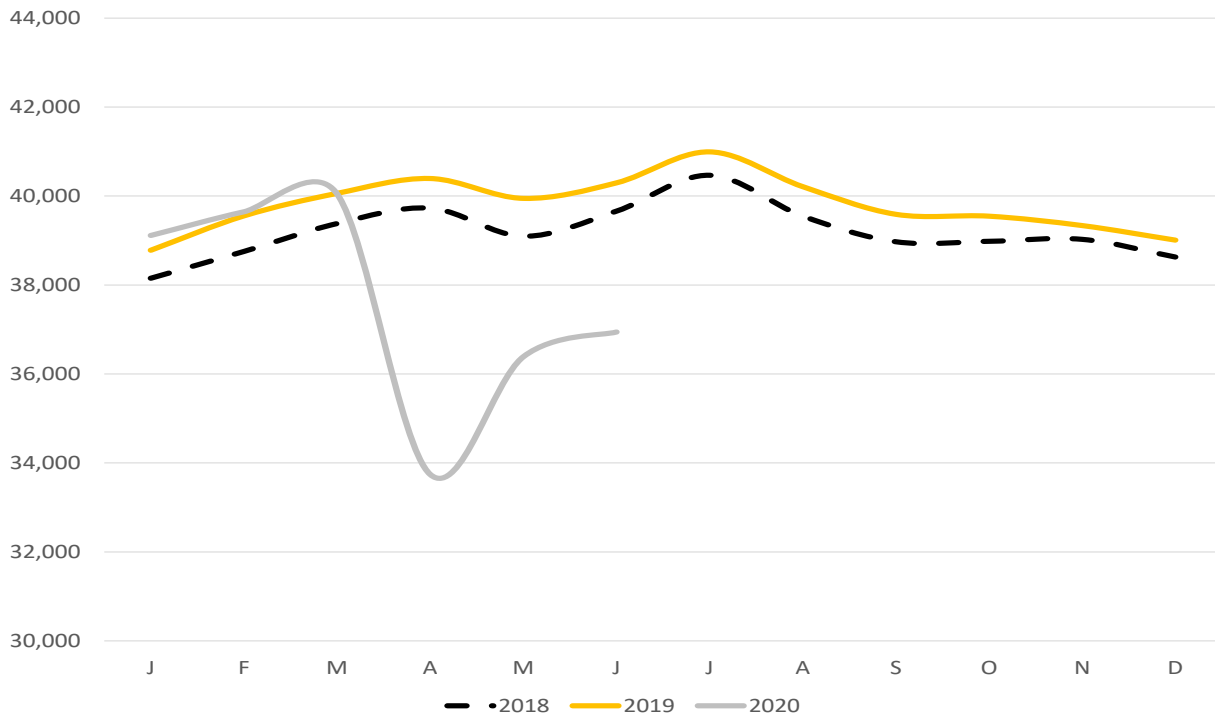
	<b>Jun 20</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	41,374	42,090	41,985	-716	-611
Employment	36,944	36,387	40,295	557	-3,351
Unemployment	4,430	5,703	1,690	-1,273	2,740
Unemployment Rate	10.7	13.5	4.0	-2.8	6.7

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Jun 20</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	37.6	36.3	39.5	1.3	-1.9
Goods Producing	4.5	4.3	4.7	0.2	-0.2
Service Providing	33.1	32.0	34.8	1.1	-1.7
Government	4.2	4.4	4.3	-0.2	-0.1

### Number of Employed January 2018 - June 2020





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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,898	66,262	66,185	-1,364	-1,287
Employment	59,887	60,654	64,047	-767	-4,160
Unemployment	5,011	5,608	2,138	-597	2,873
Unemployment Rate	7.7	8.5	3.2	-0.8	4.5

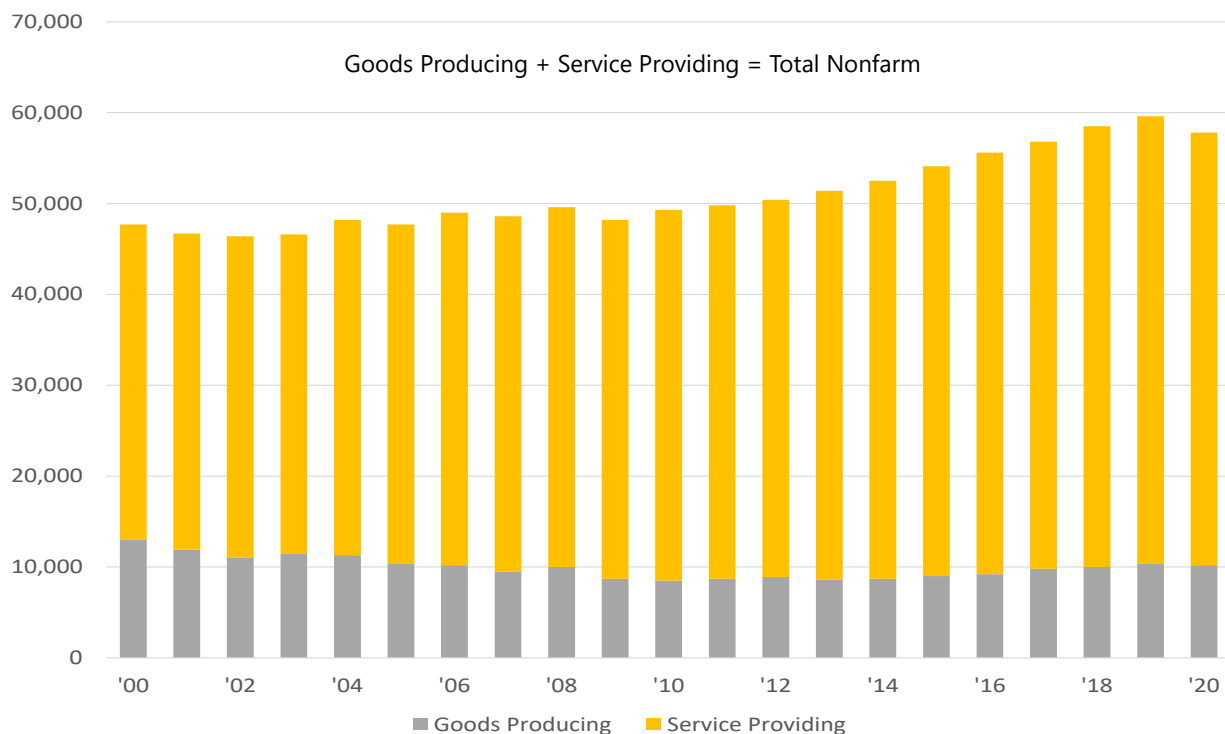
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	57.8	57.7	59.6	0.1	-1.8
Goods Producing	10.2	10.3	10.4	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	47.6	47.4	49.2	0.2	-1.6
Government	7.9	7.9	9.1	0.0	-1.2

### Jobs in Goods Producing and Service Providing Sectors

June: 2000 - 2020





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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,233	34,637	35,190	-404	-957
Employment	30,987	31,161	33,171	-174	-2,184
Unemployment	3,246	3,476	2,019	-230	1,227
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.0	5.7	-0.5	3.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.6	31.3	32.5	0.3	-0.9
Goods Producing	5.6	5.4	6.0	0.2	-0.4
Service Providing	26.0	25.9	26.5	0.1	-0.5
Government	8.7	8.8	9.0	-0.1	-0.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

June 2017 - June 2020





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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Out-of-State MSAs

#### 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 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	620,350	623,761	651,549	-3,411	-31,199
Employment	546,528	557,268	620,093	-10,740	-73,565
Unemployment	73,822	66,493	31,456	7,329	42,366
Unemployment Rate	11.9	10.7	4.8	1.2	7.1

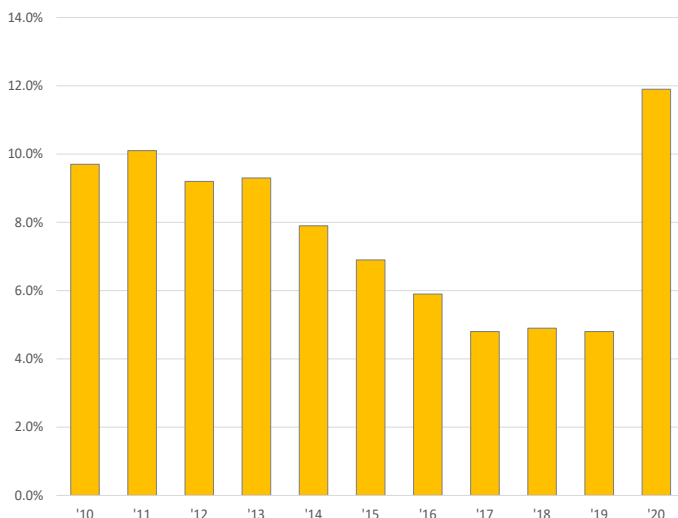
##### Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,271	63,156	66,014	1,115	-1,743
Employment	58,951	56,412	62,999	2,539	-4,048
Unemployment	5,320	6,744	3,015	-1,424	2,305
Unemployment Rate	8.3	10.7	4.6	-2.4	3.7

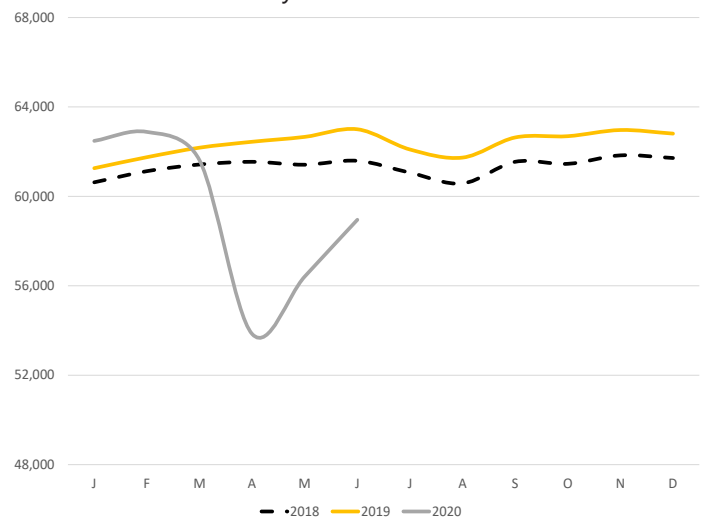
#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

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#### Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed

January 2018 - June 2020





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## MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2020				May 2020				June 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,498	8,711	787	8.3	9,565	8,718	847	8.9	9,479	9,074	405	4.3
Batesville Micro	16,411	15,160	1,251	7.6	16,622	15,171	1,451	8.7	16,714	15,981	733	4.4
Blytheville Micro	17,397	15,207	2,190	12.6	17,841	15,200	2,641	14.8	17,797	16,467	1,330	7.5
Camden Micro	11,877	10,974	903	7.6	11,924	10,980	944	7.9	12,559	11,925	634	5.0
El Dorado Micro	15,538	13,834	1,704	11.0	15,717	13,845	1,872	11.9	16,095	15,186	909	5.6
Forrest City Micro	7,985	7,215	770	9.6	8,194	7,212	982	12.0	8,355	7,884	471	5.6
Harrison Micro	18,943	17,650	1,293	6.8	19,275	17,666	1,609	8.3	19,783	19,137	646	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,162	5,434	728	11.8	6,283	5,426	857	13.6	6,481	6,089	392	6.0
Hope Micro	13,032	12,094	938	7.2	13,079	12,097	982	7.5	13,806	13,218	588	4.3
Magnolia Micro	9,144	8,376	768	8.4	9,210	8,381	829	9.0	9,186	8,715	471	5.1
Malvern Micro	13,685	12,603	1,082	7.9	13,814	12,567	1,247	9.0	14,244	13,673	571	4.0
Mountain Home Micro	16,120	14,661	1,459	9.1	16,266	14,678	1,588	9.8	16,670	15,979	691	4.1
Paragould Micro	19,743	18,061	1,682	8.5	20,031	18,098	1,933	9.7	20,257	19,468	789	3.9
Russellville Micro	36,452	33,762	2,690	7.4	36,774	33,774	3,000	8.2	37,304	35,475	1,829	4.9
Searcy Micro	33,047	30,265	2,782	8.4	33,343	30,293	3,050	9.1	33,955	32,402	1,553	4.6

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 2020				May 2020				June 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	11,996	11,074	922	7.7	12,157	11,147	1,010	8.3	12,235	11,804	431	3.5
Benton	16,971	15,654	1,317	7.8	17,185	15,659	1,526	8.9	17,772	17,258	514	2.9
Bentonville	26,232	24,695	1,537	5.9	26,567	24,859	1,708	6.4	27,010	26,323	687	2.5
Blytheville	6,006	5,122	884	14.7	6,097	5,119	978	16.0	6,117	5,546	571	9.3
Cabot	11,782	10,834	948	8.0	11,957	10,827	1,130	9.5	12,352	11,961	391	3.2
Conway	32,942	30,275	2,667	8.1	33,671	30,279	3,392	10.1	34,465	33,395	1,070	3.1
El Dorado	6,921	5,993	928	13.4	7,013	5,997	1,016	14.5	7,040	6,578	462	6.6
Fayetteville	47,750	43,899	3,851	8.1	48,738	44,190	4,548	9.3	48,146	46,809	1,337	2.8
Fort Smith	38,563	35,445	3,118	8.1	39,826	35,579	4,247	10.7	39,933	38,502	1,431	3.6
Hot Springs	15,228	13,133	2,095	13.8	15,724	12,935	2,789	17.7	15,022	14,324	698	4.6
Jacksonville	11,634	10,298	1,336	11.5	11,797	10,302	1,495	12.7	11,870	11,352	518	4.4
Jonesboro	38,809	35,654	3,155	8.1	39,676	36,124	3,552	9.0	39,350	38,103	1,247	3.2
Little Rock	96,561	86,665	9,896	10.2	98,196	86,691	11,505	11.7	99,124	95,531	3,593	3.6
North Little Rock	30,151	26,588	3,563	11.8	30,722	26,596	4,126	13.4	30,436	29,308	1,128	3.7
Paragould	12,642	11,412	1,230	9.7	12,875	11,435	1,440	11.2	12,858	12,301	557	4.3
Pine Bluff	16,375	14,532	1,843	11.3	16,576	14,622	1,954	11.8	16,728	15,531	1,197	7.2
Rogers	34,921	32,691	2,230	6.4	35,422	32,908	2,514	7.1	35,736	34,846	890	2.5
Russellville	13,099	12,166	933	7.1	13,231	12,176	1,055	8.0	13,374	12,764	610	4.6
Searcy	10,011	9,227	784	7.8	10,136	9,236	900	8.9	10,359	9,878	481	4.6
Sherwood	15,728	14,353	1,375	8.7	16,070	14,357	1,713	10.7	16,334	15,821	513	3.1
Springdale	38,424	36,163	2,261	5.9	38,971	36,403	2,568	6.6	39,577	38,559	1,018	2.6
Texarkana, AR	13,573	12,260	1,313	9.7	13,741	12,198	1,543	11.2	13,951	13,274	677	4.9
Van Buren	10,151	9,413	738	7.3	10,387	9,445	942	9.1	10,598	10,232	366	3.5
West Memphis	10,644	9,145	1,499	14.1	10,736	9,129	1,607	15.0	10,655	10,078	577	5.4



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## COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	June 2020				May 2020				June 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,094	8,579	515	5.7	9,042	8,572	470	5.2	9,531	9,238	293	3.1
Ashley	7,327	6,494	833	11.4	7,407	6,493	914	12.3	7,989	7,533	456	5.7
Baxter	16,120	14,661	1,459	9.1	16,266	14,678	1,588	9.8	16,670	15,979	691	4.1
Benton	133,646	125,204	8,442	6.3	135,561	126,034	9,527	7.0	137,247	133,457	3,790	2.8
Boone	15,712	14,634	1,078	6.9	15,999	14,651	1,348	8.4	16,381	15,854	527	3.2
Bradley	4,329	4,003	326	7.5	4,355	3,996	359	8.2	4,603	4,402	201	4.4
Calhoun	2,347	2,191	156	6.6	2,341	2,188	153	6.5	2,504	2,388	116	4.6
Carroll	12,481	11,560	921	7.4	12,755	11,564	1,191	9.3	13,079	12,701	378	2.9
Chicot	3,122	2,697	425	13.6	3,101	2,688	413	13.3	3,352	3,116	236	7.0
Clark	9,498	8,711	787	8.3	9,565	8,718	847	8.9	9,479	9,074	405	4.3
Clay	5,411	4,960	451	8.3	5,426	4,949	477	8.8	5,787	5,492	295	5.1
Cleburne	8,939	8,092	847	9.5	9,195	8,098	1,097	11.9	9,590	9,175	415	4.3
Cleveland	3,117	2,880	237	7.6	3,158	2,890	268	8.5	3,227	3,099	128	4.0
Columbia	9,144	8,376	768	8.4	9,210	8,381	829	9.0	9,186	8,715	471	5.1
Conway	8,081	7,425	656	8.1	8,187	7,428	759	9.3	8,467	8,062	405	4.8
Craighead	54,931	50,648	4,283	7.8	56,130	51,315	4,815	8.6	55,875	54,127	1,748	3.1
Crawford	26,098	24,212	1,886	7.2	26,688	24,293	2,395	9.0	27,291	26,319	972	3.6
Crittenden	21,115	18,656	2,459	11.6	21,308	18,623	2,685	12.6	21,634	20,560	1,074	5.0
Cross	7,168	6,643	525	7.3	7,262	6,636	626	8.6	7,622	7,298	324	4.3
Dallas	2,681	2,478	203	7.6	2,690	2,479	211	7.8	2,902	2,751	151	5.2
Desha	5,191	4,716	475	9.2	5,203	4,705	498	9.6	5,483	5,210	273	5.0
Drew	7,534	6,881	653	8.7	7,614	6,875	739	9.7	7,857	7,423	434	5.5
Faulkner	60,005	55,437	4,568	7.6	61,155	55,445	5,710	9.3	63,109	61,150	1,959	3.1
Franklin	7,308	6,755	553	7.6	7,560	6,760	800	10.6	7,604	7,315	289	3.8
Fulton	4,914	4,560	354	7.2	4,911	4,563	348	7.1	5,181	4,968	213	4.1
Garland	41,374	36,944	4,430	10.7	42,090	36,387	5,703	13.5	41,985	40,295	1,690	4.0
Grant	8,018	7,435	583	7.3	8,046	7,429	617	7.7	8,494	8,201	293	3.4
Greene	19,743	18,061	1,682	8.5	20,031	18,098	1,933	9.7	20,257	19,468	789	3.9
Hempstead	9,476	8,837	639	6.7	9,525	8,836	689	7.2	10,074	9,663	411	4.1
Hot Spring	13,685	12,603	1,082	7.9	13,814	12,567	1,247	9.0	14,244	13,673	571	4.0
Howard	5,362	5,017	345	6.4	5,372	5,010	362	6.7	5,758	5,550	208	3.6
Independence	16,411	15,160	1,251	7.6	16,622	15,171	1,451	8.7	16,714	15,981	733	4.4
Izard	4,808	4,277	531	11.0	4,860	4,280	580	11.9	4,927	4,628	299	6.1
Jackson	5,457	4,937	520	9.5	5,442	4,926	516	9.5	5,907	5,489	418	7.1
Jefferson	27,316	24,596	2,720	10.0	27,660	24,748	2,912	10.5	27,984	26,287	1,697	6.1
Johnson	9,919	9,114	805	8.1	10,190	9,116	1,074	10.5	10,478	9,874	604	5.8
Lafayette	2,401	2,167	234	9.7	2,410	2,164	246	10.2	2,502	2,380	122	4.9
Lawrence	6,774	6,205	569	8.4	6,828	6,221	607	8.9	6,748	6,437	311	4.6
Lee	2,674	2,419	255	9.5	2,700	2,410	290	10.7	2,832	2,704	128	4.5
Lincoln	3,800	3,511	289	7.6	3,819	3,523	296	7.8	3,979	3,785	194	4.9
Little River	5,411	4,977	434	8.0	5,419	4,951	468	8.6	5,625	5,380	245	4.4
Logan	8,205	7,430	775	9.4	8,453	7,432	1,021	12.1	8,737	8,345	392	4.5
Lonoke	33,005	30,479	2,526	7.7	33,265	30,460	2,805	8.4	34,743	33,649	1,094	3.1
Madison	7,086	6,715	371	5.2	7,150	6,739	411	5.7	7,413	7,219	194	2.6
Marion	6,510	5,954	556	8.5	6,585	5,963	622	9.4	6,870	6,593	277	4.0
Miller	19,549	17,842	1,707	8.7	19,730	17,752	1,978	10.0	20,214	19,318	896	4.4

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### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	June 2020				May 2020				June 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,397	15,207	2,190	12.6	17,841	15,200	2,641	14.8	17,797	16,467	1,330	7.5
Monroe	2,686	2,435	251	9.3	2,655	2,429	226	8.5	2,799	2,663	136	4.9
Montgomery	2,795	2,540	255	9.1	2,806	2,523	283	10.1	3,109	2,977	132	4.2
Nevada	3,556	3,257	299	8.4	3,554	3,261	293	8.2	3,732	3,555	177	4.7
Newton	3,231	3,016	215	6.7	3,276	3,015	261	8.0	3,402	3,283	119	3.5
Ouachita	9,530	8,783	747	7.8	9,583	8,792	791	8.3	10,055	9,537	518	5.2
Perry	4,036	3,744	292	7.2	4,091	3,742	349	8.5	4,332	4,141	191	4.4
Phillips	6,162	5,434	728	11.8	6,283	5,426	857	13.6	6,481	6,089	392	6.0
Pike	4,125	3,805	320	7.8	4,171	3,800	371	8.9	4,418	4,248	170	3.8
Poinsett	9,967	9,239	728	7.3	10,132	9,339	793	7.8	10,310	9,920	390	3.8
Polk	7,817	7,169	648	8.3	7,900	7,164	736	9.3	8,183	7,831	352	4.3
Pope	28,339	26,168	2,171	7.7	28,635	26,189	2,446	8.5	28,918	27,454	1,464	5.1
Prairie	3,478	3,197	281	8.1	3,439	3,191	248	7.2	3,610	3,452	158	4.4
Pulaski	187,273	168,357	18,916	10.1	190,432	168,408	22,024	11.6	192,483	185,580	6,903	3.6
Randolph	7,247	6,680	567	7.8	7,306	6,681	625	8.6	7,399	7,069	330	4.5
St. Francis	7,985	7,215	770	9.6	8,194	7,212	982	12.0	8,355	7,884	471	5.6
Saline	56,733	52,627	4,106	7.2	57,374	52,644	4,730	8.2	59,756	58,020	1,736	2.9
Scott	4,191	3,941	250	6.0	4,195	3,934	261	6.2	4,389	4,241	148	3.4
Searcy	2,806	2,570	236	8.4	2,846	2,574	272	9.6	3,159	3,024	135	4.3
Sebastian	55,436	51,078	4,358	7.9	57,280	51,272	6,008	10.5	57,505	55,484	2,021	3.5
Sevier	5,299	4,915	384	7.2	5,289	4,911	378	7.1	5,522	5,251	271	4.9
Sharp	5,686	5,144	542	9.5	5,730	5,150	580	10.1	5,877	5,556	321	5.5
Stone	4,570	4,139	431	9.4	4,583	4,132	451	9.8	4,863	4,628	235	4.8
Union	15,538	13,834	1,704	11.0	15,717	13,845	1,872	11.9	16,095	15,186	909	5.6
Van Buren	5,617	5,106	511	9.1	5,720	5,108	612	10.7	5,907	5,624	283	4.8
Washington	122,230	114,238	7,992	6.5	124,285	114,997	9,288	7.5	125,099	121,812	3,287	2.6
White	33,047	30,265	2,782	8.4	33,343	30,293	3,050	9.1	33,955	32,402	1,553	4.6
Woodruff	2,605	2,403	202	7.8	2,601	2,394	207	8.0	2,801	2,648	153	5.5
Yell	8,113	7,594	519	6.4	8,139	7,585	554	6.8	8,386	8,021	365	4.4

### County Labor Force Summary

Between May and June, unemployment rates declined in 66 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in eight counties increased, while one county was unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 5.2 percent in Madison County to a high of 13.6 percent in Chicot County.

In June, sixty-four counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from 69 counties at or above seven percent in May. Monthly jobless rate changes ranged from a decline of three percentage points in Franklin County to an increase of nine-tenths of a percentage point in Prairie County.

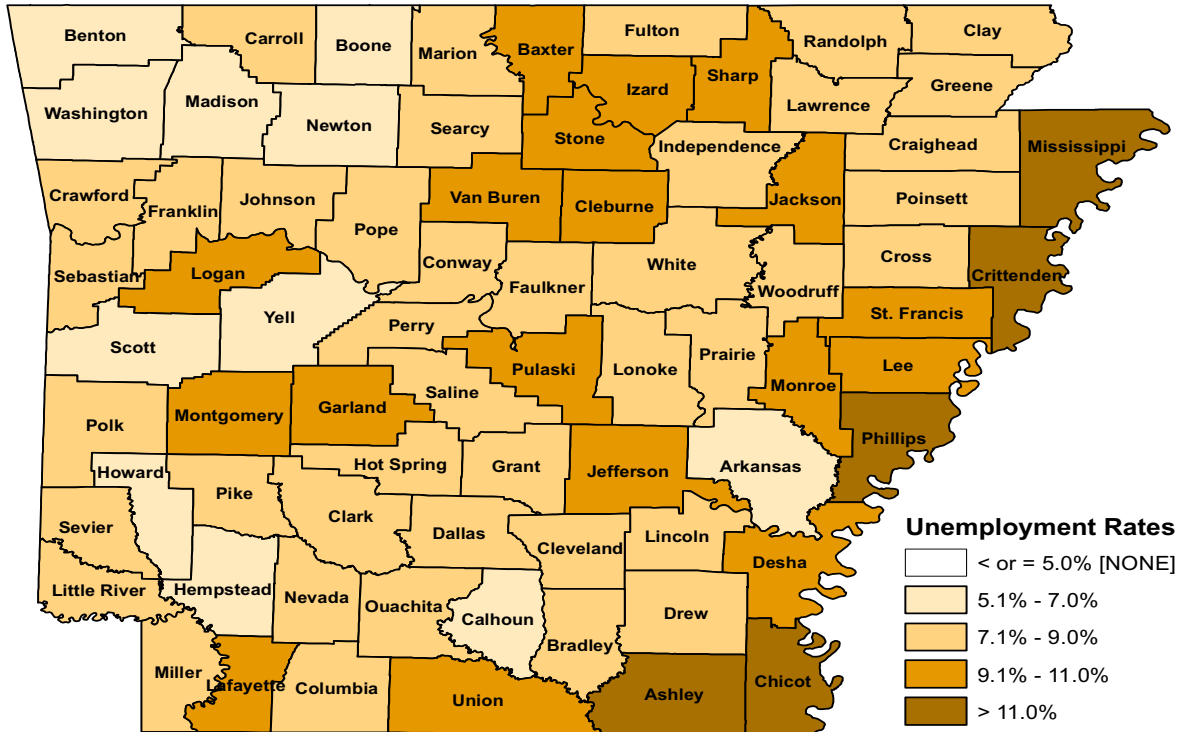
Compared to June 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over-the-year gains ranged from as low as a two percentage point increase in Calhoun and Yell counties to as much as a six and seven-tenths of a percentage point rise in Garland County.



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## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	5.2	22	Independence	7.6	51	Drew	8.7
2	Arkansas	5.7	22	Lincoln	7.6	51	Miller	8.7
3	Scott	6.0	28	Lonoke	7.7	53	Baxter	9.1
4	Benton	6.3	28	Pope	7.7	53	Montgomery	9.1
5	Howard	6.4	30	Craighead	7.8	53	Van Buren	9.1
5	Yell	6.4	30	Ouachita	7.8	56	Desha	9.2
7	Washington	6.5	30	Pike	7.8	57	Monroe	9.3
8	Calhoun	6.6	30	Randolph	7.8	58	Logan	9.4
9	Hempstead	6.7	30	Woodruff	7.8	58	Stone	9.4
9	Newton	6.7	35	Hot Spring	7.9	60	Cleburne	9.5
11	Boone	6.9	35	Sebastian	7.9	60	Jackson	9.5
12	Crawford	7.2	37	Little River	8.0	60	Lee	9.5
12	Fulton	7.2	38	Conway	8.1	60	Sharp	9.5
12	Perry	7.2	38	Johnson	8.1	64	St. Francis	9.6
12	Saline	7.2	38	Prairie	8.1	65	Lafayette	9.7
12	Sevier	7.2	41	Clark	8.3	66	Jefferson	10.0
17	Cross	7.3	41	Clay	8.3	67	Pulaski	10.1
17	Grant	7.3	41	Polk	8.3	68	Garland	10.7
17	Poinsett	7.3	44	Columbia	8.4	69	Izard	11.0
20	Carroll	7.4	44	Lawrence	8.4	69	Union	11.0
21	Bradley	7.5	44	Nevada	8.4	71	Ashley	11.4
22	Cleveland	7.6	44	Searcy	8.4	72	Crittenden	11.6
22	Dallas	7.6	44	White	8.4	73	Phillips	11.8
22	Faulkner	7.6	49	Greene	8.5	74	Mississippi	12.6
22	Franklin	7.6	49	Marion	8.5	75	Chicot	13.6



# ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

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## LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	June 2020				May 2020				June 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	246,619	225,867	20,752	8.4	250,124	225,886	24,238	9.7	257,376	248,983	8,393	3.3
City of Little Rock	96,561	86,665	9,896	10.2	98,196	86,691	11,505	11.7	99,124	95,531	3,593	3.6
Eastern	45,104	40,367	4,737	10.5	45,747	40,307	5,440	11.9	46,924	44,535	2,389	5.1
North Central	92,054	84,083	7,971	8.7	93,007	84,115	8,892	9.6	95,722	91,099	4,623	4.8
Northeast	121,470	111,000	10,470	8.6	123,694	111,803	11,891	9.6	124,173	118,980	5,193	4.2
Northwest	319,822	298,552	21,270	6.7	324,723	300,215	24,508	7.5	329,320	319,922	9,398	2.9
Southeast	78,848	71,792	7,056	8.9	79,405	71,919	7,486	9.4	82,499	78,294	4,205	5.1
Southwest	90,294	82,674	7,620	8.4	90,840	82,570	8,270	9.1	94,169	89,674	4,495	4.8
West Central	129,965	118,648	11,317	8.7	131,688	118,055	13,633	10.4	133,816	127,819	5,997	4.5
Western	109,055	100,585	8,470	7.8	112,076	100,855	11,221	10.0	113,709	109,535	4,174	3.7

