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Technical Notes

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

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

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2022 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

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

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

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

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

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

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment

Rate

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

Seasonal

Adjustment

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

July Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between June and July, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remained stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates declined in seven states, while three states posted rate increases. In July, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.7% in New Hampshire to a high of 4.6% in Nevada. Arkansas ranked 13th among states, with a jobless rate of 2.6% in July. Thirty-six states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates at or below the national rate of 3.5%.

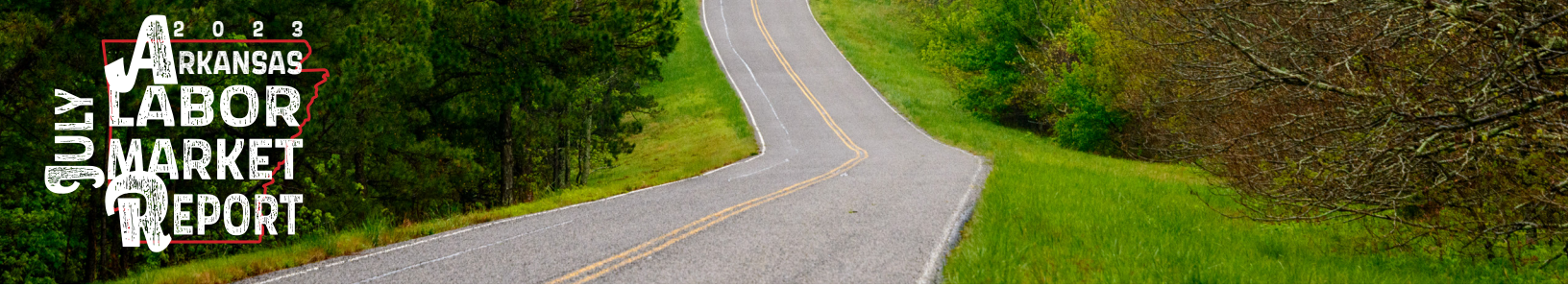
Compared to July 2022, unemployment rates have declined in 23 states. The largest rate decrease occurred in Maryland, down one and four-tenth of a percentage point. Five states and the District of Columbia reported rate increases, with the District of Columbia up nine-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year. Arkansas' unemployment rate is down seven-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.3% in July 2022 to 2.6% in July 2023.

Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)
 July 2023

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	New Hampshire	1.7	15	Missouri	2.7	33	West Virginia	3.4
2	Maryland	1.8	15	Oklahoma	2.7	36	Pennsylvania	3.5
2	Vermont	1.8	20	Hawaii	2.8	37	Arizona	3.6
4	South Dakota	1.9	20	Idaho	2.8	37	Connecticut	3.6
5	Nebraska	2.0	20	Rhode Island	2.8	37	Michigan	3.6
5	North Dakota	2.0	23	Colorado	2.9	37	New Mexico	3.6
7	Alabama	2.1	24	Minnesota	3.0	37	Washington	3.6
8	Maine	2.4	24	Mississippi	3.0	42	Alaska	3.6
8	Utah	2.4	24	Wyoming	3.0	42	Kentucky	3.8
10	Massachusetts	2.5	27	South Carolina	3.0	44	New Jersey	3.8
10	Montana	2.5	27	Tennessee	3.1	44	New York	3.9
10	Virginia	2.5	29	Georgia	3.1	46	Illinois	3.9
13	Arkansas	2.6	30	Indiana	3.2	47	Delaware	4.0
13	Wisconsin	2.6	30	North Carolina	3.3	47	Texas	4.1
15	Florida	2.7	30	Ohio	3.3	49	California	4.1
15	Iowa	2.7	33	Louisiana	3.3	50	District of Columbia	4.1
15	Kansas	2.7	33	Oregon	3.3	51	Nevada	4.6

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent





State of Arkansas

Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 2.6% in July. The United States’ jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6% in June to 3.5% in July.

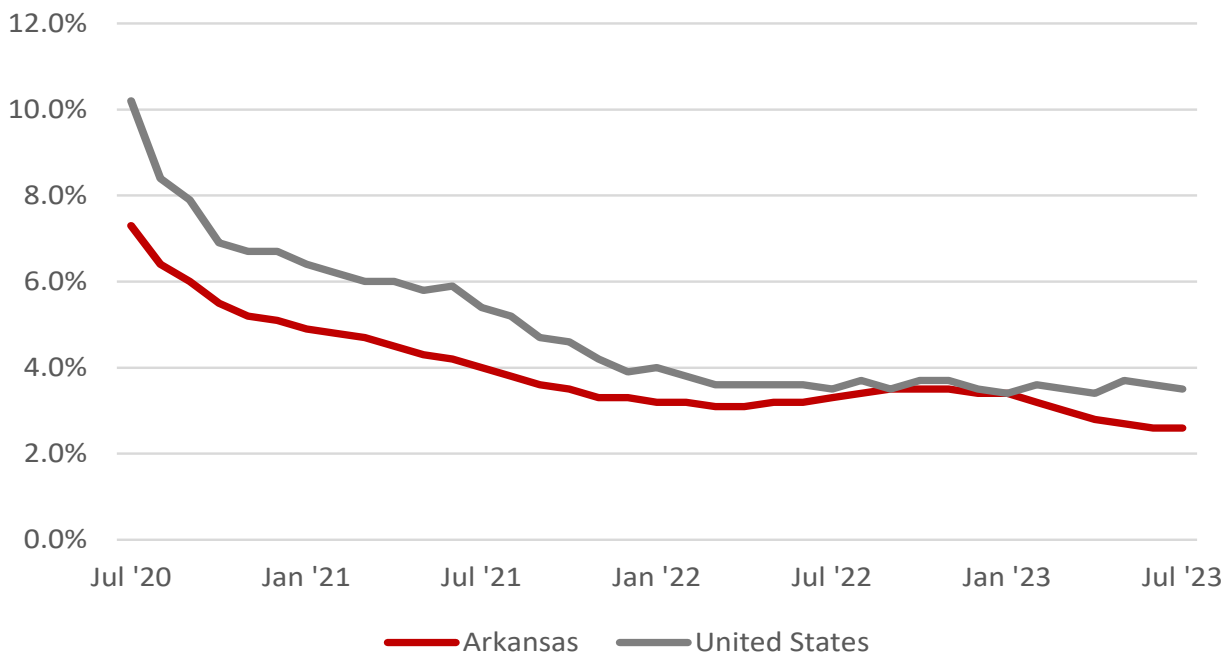
In July, Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 3,243, while the number of employed in the State increased to 1,351,403. Both remain at record high levels. Unemployment declined a slight 309, as the labor force participation rate increased to 57.7%.

Compared to July 2022, there are 26,170 more employed and 9,993 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The State’s unemployment rate is down seven-tenths of a percentage point while the labor force participation rate is up one-tenth of a percentage point over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,386,974	1,383,731	1,370,797	Civilian Labor Force	1,405,641	1,405,217
Employment	1,351,403	1,347,851	1,325,233	Employment	1,360,070	1,362,284
Unemployment	35,571	35,880	45,564	Unemployment	45,571	42,933
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.6%	3.3%	Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.1%
LF Participation Rate	57.7%	57.6%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	58.5%	58.2%

Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)
 July 2020 - July 2023



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

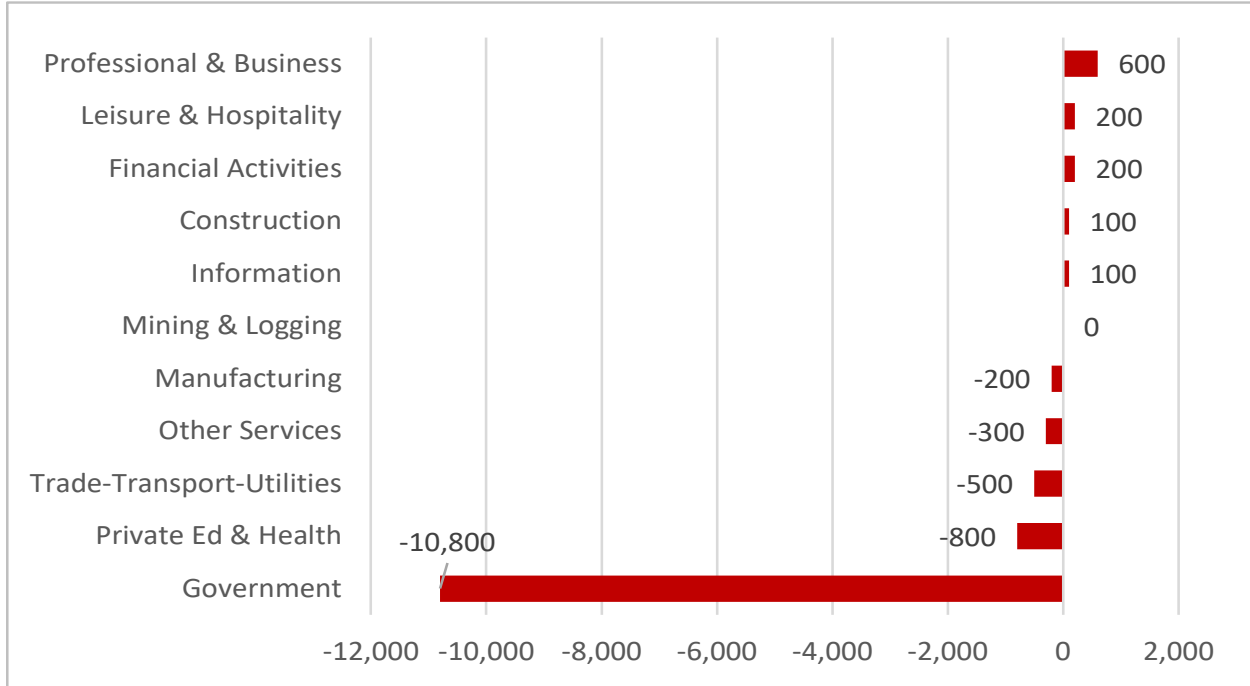
(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1354.9	1366.3	1317.9	-11.4	37.0
Goods Producing	235.3	235.4	227.2	-0.1	8.1
Mining, Logging, & Construction	69.7	69.6	63.7	0.1	6.0
Mining & Logging	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Construction	64.8	64.7	58.5	0.1	6.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	40.0	39.6	36.6	0.4	3.4
Manufacturing	165.6	165.8	163.5	-0.2	2.1
Durable Goods	81.1	81.1	79.4	0.0	1.7
Nondurable Goods	84.5	84.7	84.1	-0.2	0.4
Service Providing	1119.6	1130.9	1090.7	-11.3	28.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.0	273.5	269.1	-0.5	3.9
Wholesale Trade	55.2	54.8	51.4	0.4	3.8
Retail Trade	142.9	143.2	142.6	-0.3	0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	74.9	75.5	75.1	-0.6	-0.2
Information	12.2	12.1	12.8	0.1	-0.6
Financial Activities	71.7	71.5	71.3	0.2	0.4
Finance & Insurance	56.8	56.7	56.4	0.1	0.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.9	14.8	14.9	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	150.8	150.2	151.9	0.6	-1.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	50.6	48.7	48.1	1.9	2.5
Management of Companies	39.6	39.0	37.8	0.6	1.8
Administrative & Support Services	60.6	62.5	66.0	-1.9	-5.4
Private Education & Health Services	206.2	207.0	195.2	-0.8	11.0
Private Educational Services	16.0	16.8	13.2	-0.8	2.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	190.2	190.2	182.0	0.0	8.2
Ambulatory Health Care	66.8	66.9	63.1	-0.1	3.7
Social Assistance	39.5	39.6	36.4	-0.1	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	136.4	136.2	124.9	0.2	11.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17.6	17.5	14.6	0.1	3.0
Accommodation & Food Services	118.8	118.7	110.3	0.1	8.5
Accommodation Services	12.7	12.5	12.0	0.2	0.7
Food Services	106.1	106.2	98.3	-0.1	7.8
Other Services	74.1	74.4	71.7	-0.3	2.4
Government	195.2	206.0	193.8	-10.8	1.4
Federal Government	21.3	21.1	20.6	0.2	0.7
State Government	71.2	72.7	71.3	-1.5	-0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	25.0	26.6	24.9	-1.6	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.2	46.1	46.4	0.1	-0.2
Local Government	102.7	112.2	101.9	-9.5	0.8
Local Gov, Educational Services	57.2	66.8	56.8	-9.6	0.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.5	45.4	45.1	0.1	0.4

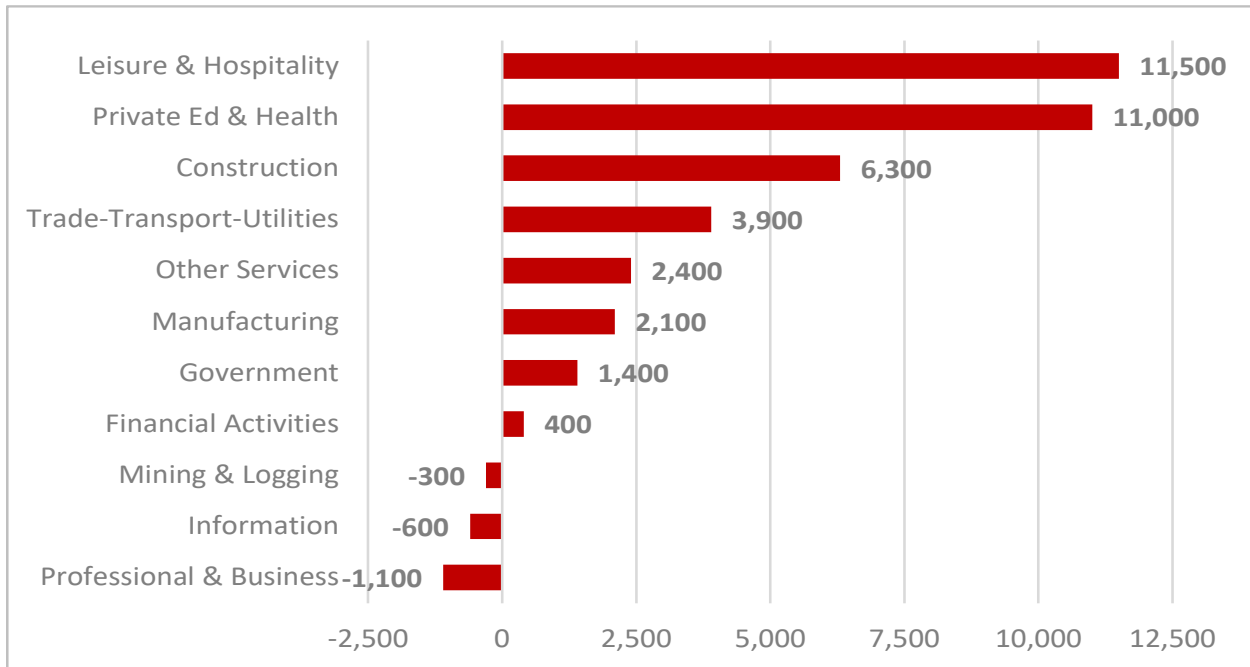
State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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



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



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

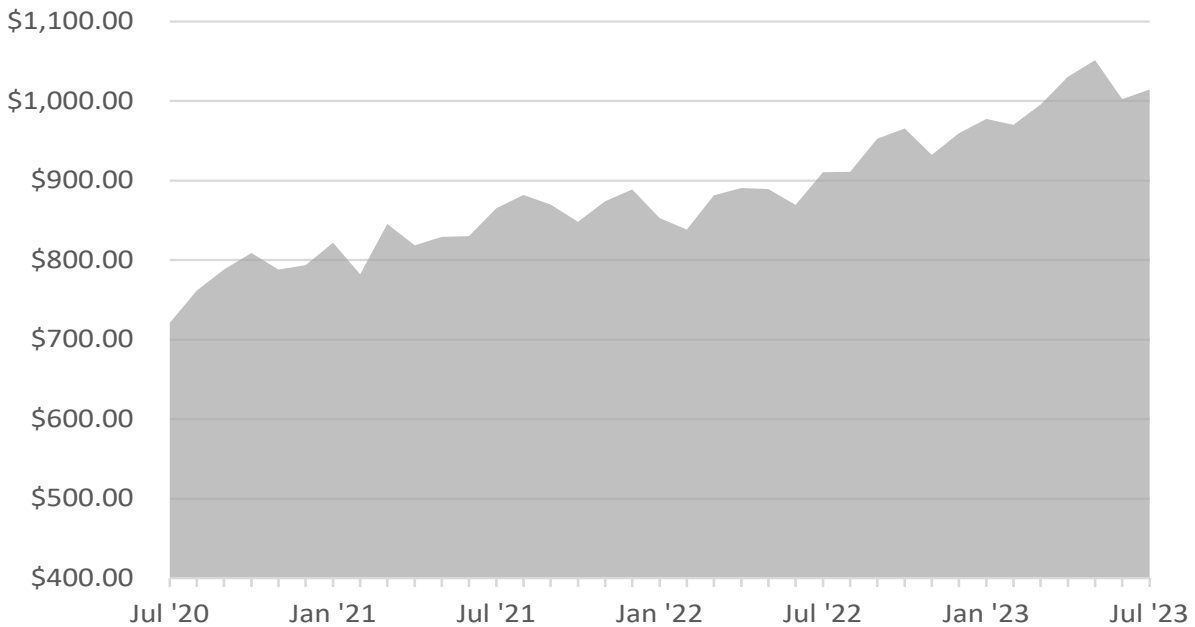
Manufacturing

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.6	38.4	38.4
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.39	\$21.43	\$20.40
Average Weekly Earnings	\$825.65	\$822.91	\$783.36

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>		<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	43.6	42.3	41.4	Average Weekly Hours	33.9	34.8	35.7
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.27	\$23.70	\$21.99	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.10	\$18.86	\$18.73
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,014.57	\$1,002.51	\$910.39	Average Weekly Earnings	\$647.49	\$656.33	\$668.66

Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods - Production Workers
 July 2020 - July 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	375,156	372,142	365,814	3,014	9,342
Employment	364,275	361,810	352,446	2,465	11,829
Unemployment	10,881	10,332	13,368	549	-2,487
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.8%	3.7%	0.1%	-0.8%

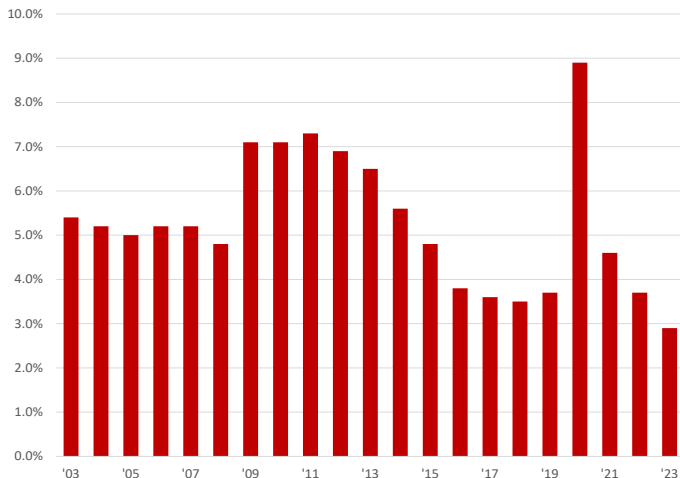
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	385.1	389.1	372.9	-4.0	12.2
Goods Producing	40.9	40.7	39.2	0.2	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	20.8	20.6	19.2	0.2	1.6
Manufacturing	20.1	20.1	20.0	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	344.2	348.4	333.7	-4.2	10.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	77.8	77.8	76.6	0.0	1.2
Wholesale Trade	18.5	18.3	17.3	0.2	1.2
Retail Trade	38.5	38.4	38.7	0.1	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.8	21.1	20.6	-0.3	0.2
Information	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	24.9	24.9	24.9	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	48.1	48.2	47.7	-0.1	0.4
Private Education & Health Services	64.2	65.3	59.8	-1.1	4.4
Leisure & Hospitality	37.8	38.7	34.3	-0.9	3.5
Other Services	19.8	19.7	19.0	0.1	0.8
Government	66.0	68.2	65.8	-2.2	0.2
Federal Government	10.1	10.0	9.8	0.1	0.3
State Government	32.6	32.8	32.9	-0.2	-0.3
Local Government	23.3	25.4	23.1	-2.1	0.2

Unemployment Rates

July: 2003 - 2023



Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

July 2020 - July 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 23	Jun 23	Jul 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	320,403	315,392	309,222	5,011	11,181
Employment	312,780	308,063	300,925	4,717	11,855
Unemployment	7,623	7,329	8,297	294	-674
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.3%	2.7%	0.1%	-0.3%

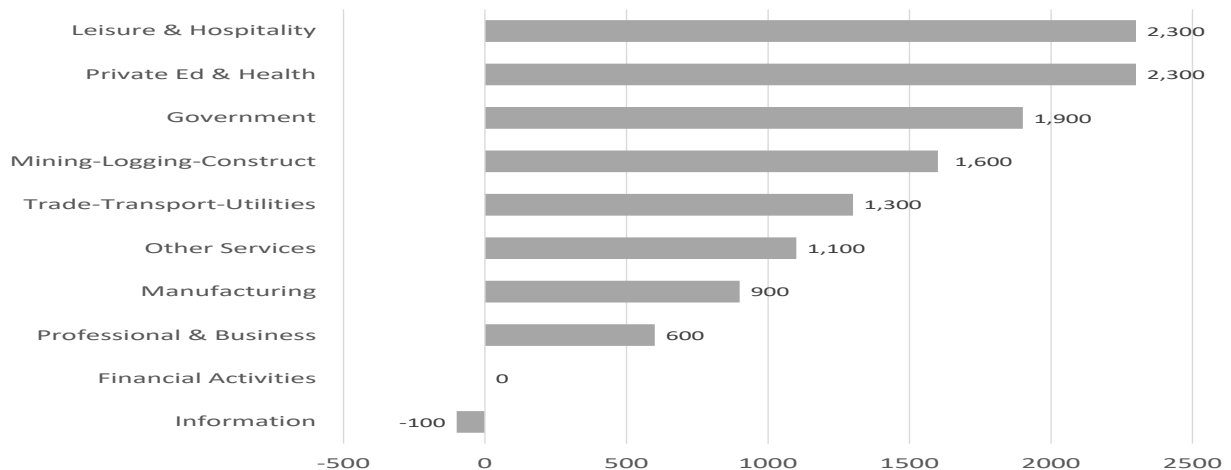
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 23	Jun 23	Jul 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	304.5	304.9	292.6	-0.4	11.9
Goods Producing	49.4	48.9	46.9	0.5	2.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.7	16.6	15.1	0.1	1.6
Manufacturing	32.7	32.3	31.8	0.4	0.9
Service Providing	255.1	256.0	245.7	-0.9	9.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	63.8	63.7	62.5	0.1	1.3
Wholesale Trade	14.6	14.5	13.4	0.1	1.2
Retail Trade	28.8	28.6	28.5	0.2	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.4	20.6	20.6	-0.2	-0.2
Information	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	10.4	10.4	10.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	58.4	57.6	57.8	0.8	0.6
Private Education & Health Services	34.5	34.8	32.2	-0.3	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	31.4	31.1	29.1	0.3	2.3
Other Services	16.1	16.0	15.0	0.1	1.1
Government	38.2	40.1	36.3	-1.9	1.9
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
State Government	16.4	16.6	15.2	-0.2	1.2
Local Government	18.7	20.4	18.2	-1.7	0.5

Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

July 2022 - July 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	120,702	121,015	119,175	-313	1,527
Employment	116,290	116,910	114,883	-620	1,407
Unemployment	4,412	4,105	4,292	307	120
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.4%	3.6%	0.3%	0.1%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

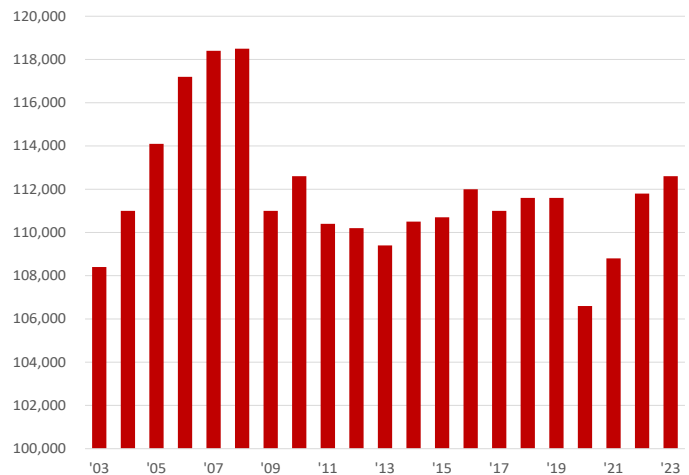
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.6	115.5	111.8	-2.9	0.8
Goods Producing	24.3	24.4	23.9	-0.1	0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.6	5.3	0.0	0.3
Manufacturing	18.7	18.8	18.6	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	88.3	91.1	87.9	-2.8	0.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.4	24.4	24.5	0.0	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	12.9	12.9	13.0	0.0	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Information	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	10.3	10.9	11.7	-0.6	-1.4
Private Education & Health Services	18.0	18.2	17.3	-0.2	0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	10.6	10.5	9.8	0.1	0.8
Other Services	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Government	15.7	17.8	15.3	-2.1	0.4
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	2.1	2.2	2.3	-0.1	-0.2
Local Government	12.2	14.2	11.7	-2.0	0.5

Employment
 July 2020 - July 2023



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 July: 2003 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	43,462	42,977	43,521	485	-59
Employment	41,905	41,486	41,610	419	295
Unemployment	1,557	1,491	1,911	66	-354
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.5%	4.4%	0.1%	-0.8%

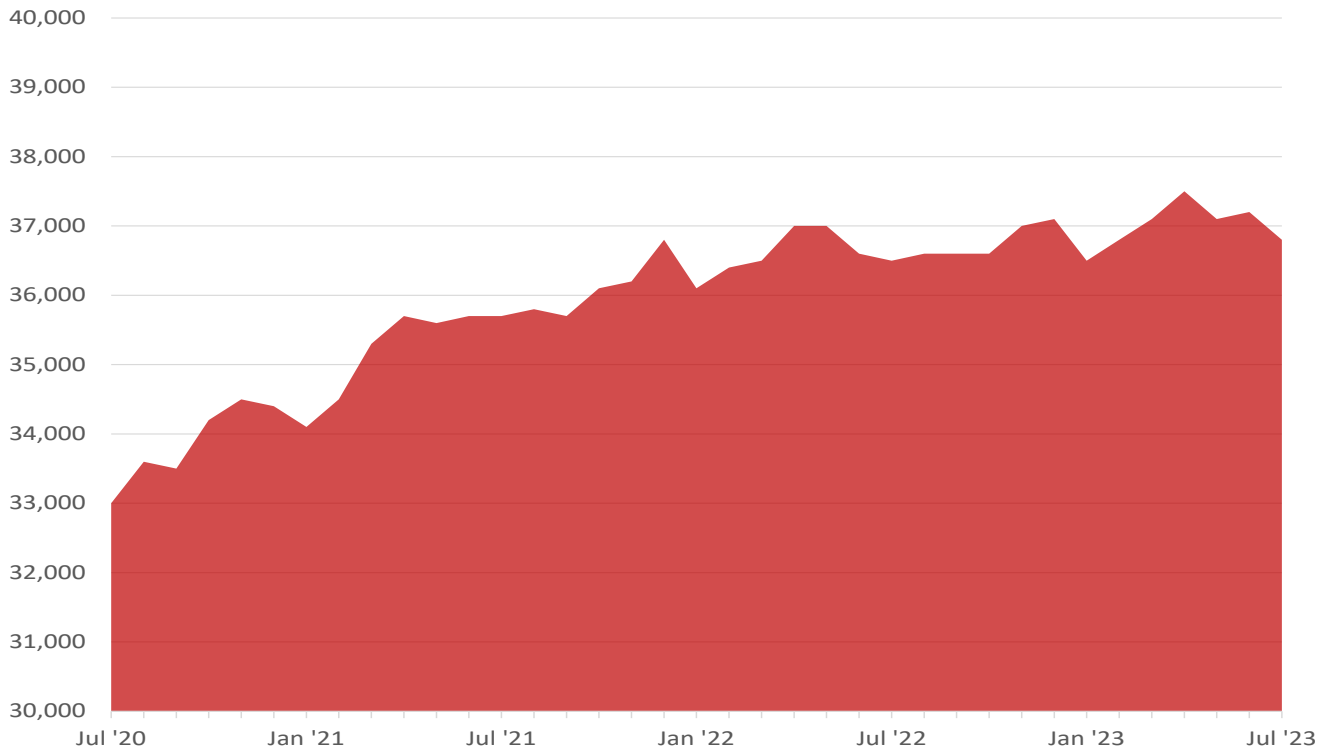
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.5	42.0	41.2	-0.5	0.3
Goods Producing	4.7	4.8	4.7	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	36.8	37.2	36.5	-0.4	0.3
Government	3.7	3.9	3.9	-0.2	-0.2

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July 2020 - July 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	70,516	69,540	68,904	976	1,612
Employment	68,567	67,707	66,631	860	1,936
Unemployment	1,949	1,833	2,273	116	-324
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.6%	3.3%	0.2%	-0.5%

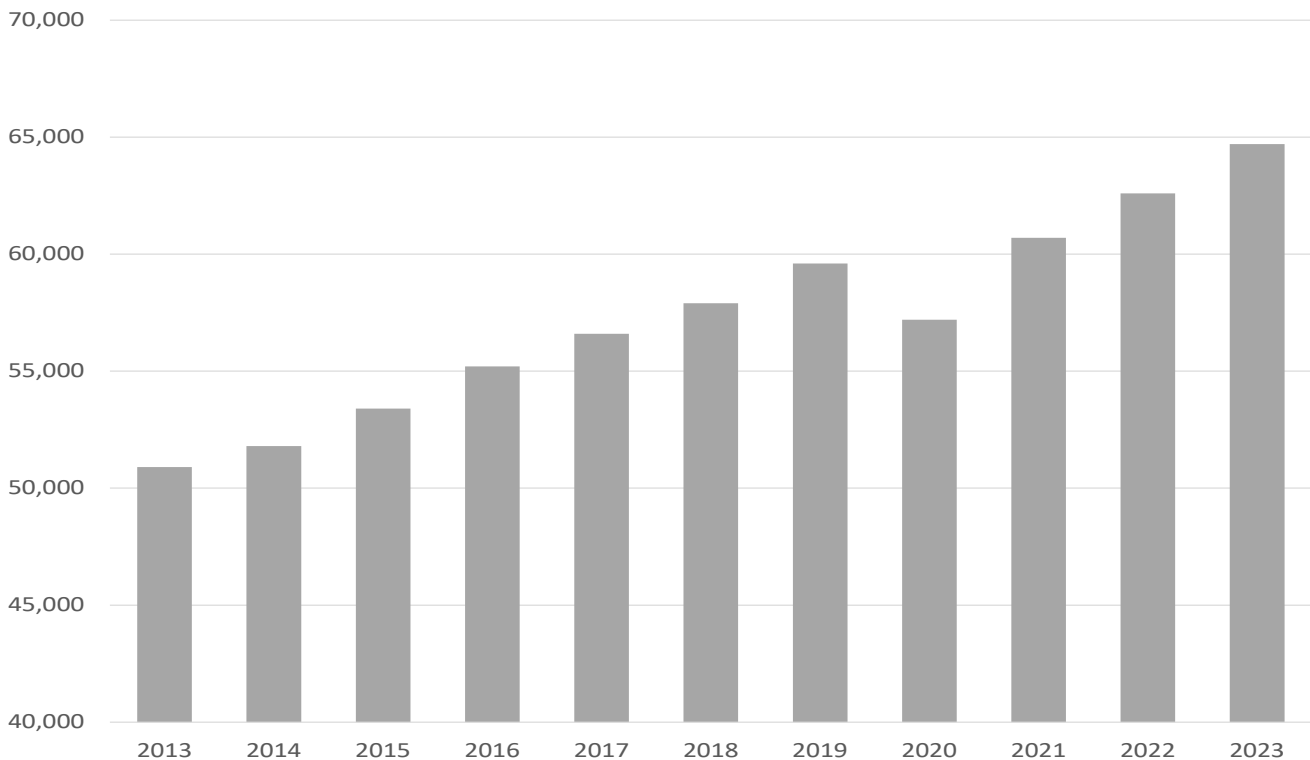
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.7	65.0	62.6	-0.3	2.1
Goods Producing	12.1	12.4	11.9	-0.3	0.2
Service Providing	52.6	52.6	50.7	0.0	1.9
Government	8.7	9.0	8.4	-0.3	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2013 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,977	32,875	32,858	102	119
Employment	31,512	31,542	30,951	-30	561
Unemployment	1,465	1,333	1,907	132	-442
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.1%	5.8%	0.3%	-1.4%

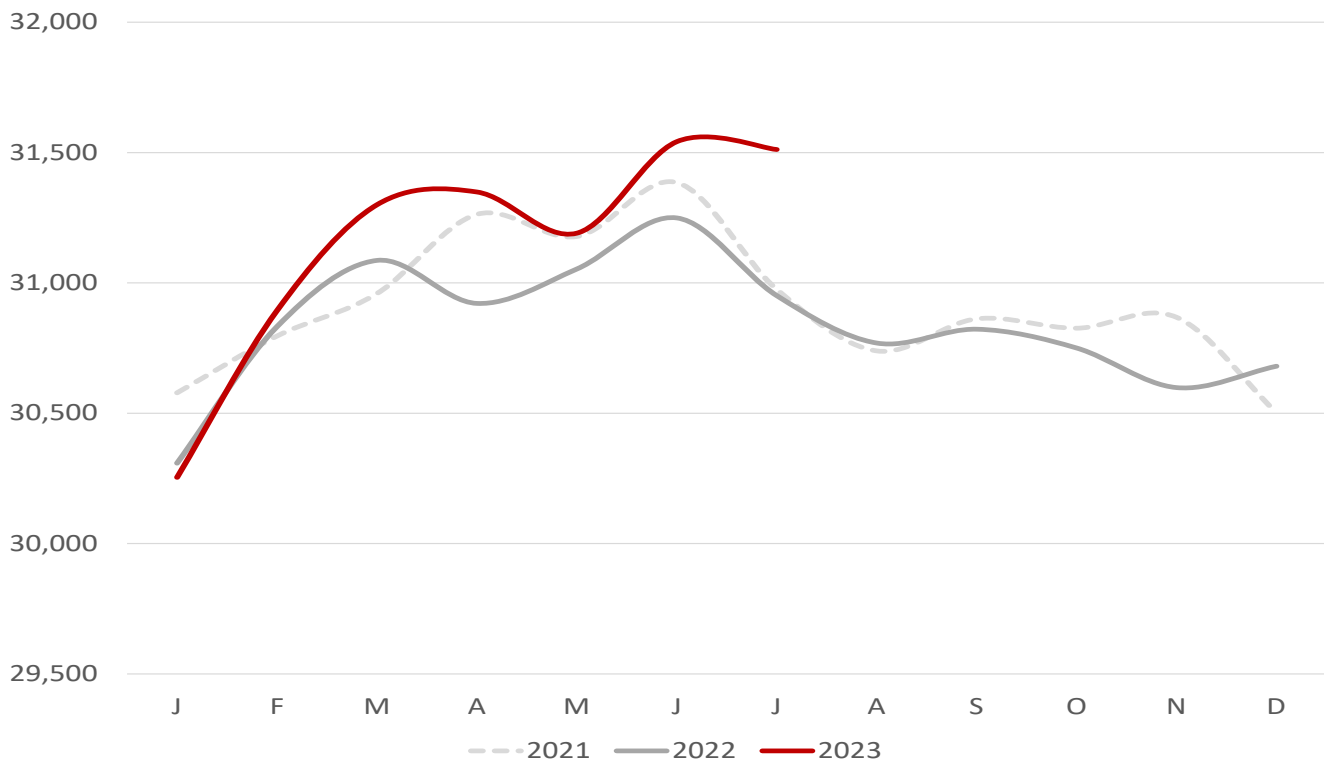
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.2	31.8	30.6	-0.6	0.6
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.4	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	25.6	26.2	25.2	-0.6	0.4
Government	8.0	8.6	8.1	-0.6	-0.1

Employment

January 2021 - July 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

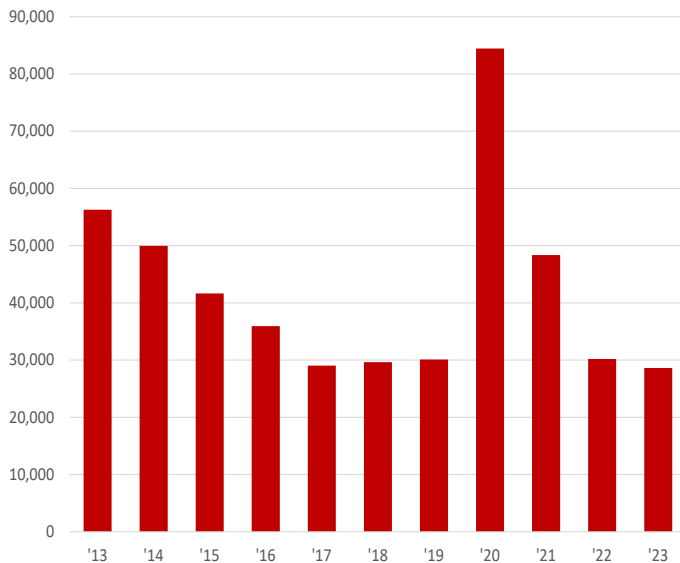
	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	634,657	630,515	637,781	4,142	-3,124
Employment	606,026	601,717	607,581	4,309	-1,555
Unemployment	28,631	28,798	30,200	-167	-1,569
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	-0.1%	-0.2%

Texarkana MSA

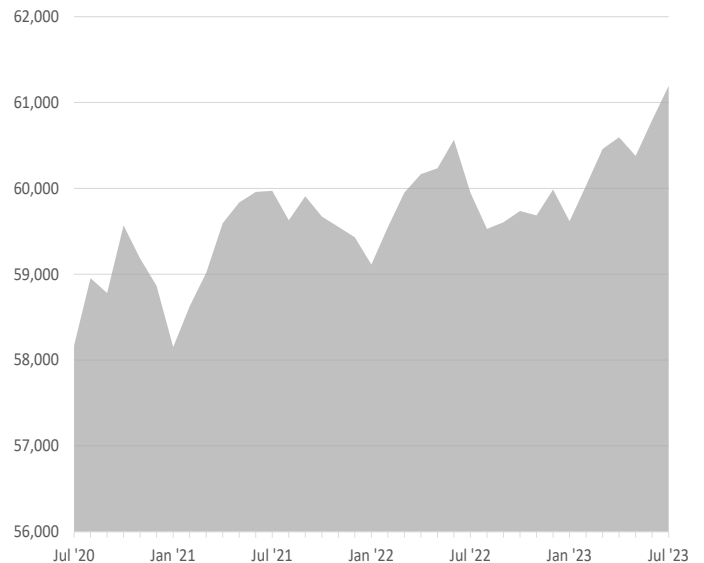
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,956	63,351	62,873	605	1,083
Employment	61,195	60,794	59,950	401	1,245
Unemployment	2,761	2,557	2,923	204	-162
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.0%	4.6%	0.3%	-0.3%

Memphis MSA - Unemployment
 July: 2013 - 2023



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 July 2020 - July 2023



Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	July 2023				June 2023				July 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,340	7,891	449	5.4	8,402	7,988	414	4.9	8,349	7,844	505	6.0
Batesville Micro	16,837	16,205	632	3.8	17,172	16,552	620	3.6	16,501	15,805	696	4.2
Blytheville Micro	17,057	16,098	959	5.6	17,094	16,188	906	5.3	16,718	15,554	1,164	7.0
Camden Micro	11,816	11,395	421	3.6	12,340	11,940	400	3.2	11,815	11,294	521	4.4
El Dorado Micro	14,769	14,082	687	4.7	15,174	14,531	643	4.2	14,716	13,882	834	5.7
Forrest City Micro	7,448	7,063	385	5.2	7,532	7,203	329	4.4	7,590	7,157	433	5.7
Harrison Micro	19,035	18,421	614	3.2	19,543	18,970	573	2.9	18,970	18,339	631	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,138	4,807	331	6.4	5,378	5,072	306	5.7	5,490	5,108	382	7.0
Hope Micro	12,406	11,939	467	3.8	12,781	12,339	442	3.5	12,863	12,337	526	4.1
Magnolia Micro	8,356	7,970	386	4.6	8,737	8,379	358	4.1	8,329	7,903	426	5.1
Malvern Micro	14,084	13,563	521	3.7	14,052	13,580	472	3.4	14,152	13,535	617	4.4
Mountain Home Micro	17,152	16,553	599	3.5	17,355	16,794	561	3.2	16,579	15,893	686	4.1
Paragould Micro	20,215	19,574	641	3.2	20,221	19,599	622	3.1	20,170	19,449	721	3.6
Russellville Micro	36,483	34,913	1,570	4.3	37,091	35,702	1,389	3.7	35,454	33,692	1,762	5.0
Searcy Micro	33,787	32,606	1,181	3.5	34,509	33,363	1,146	3.3	33,713	32,326	1,387	4.1

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	July 2023				June 2023				July 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,788	13,360	428	3.1	13,550	13,153	397	2.9	13,305	12,839	466	3.5
Benton	18,743	18,189	554	3.0	18,576	18,063	513	2.8	18,202	17,585	617	3.4
Bentonville	33,408	32,671	737	2.2	32,866	32,166	700	2.1	32,193	31,397	796	2.5
Blytheville	5,835	5,389	446	7.6	5,811	5,419	392	6.7	5,733	5,207	526	9.2
Cabot	12,586	12,275	311	2.5	12,504	12,197	307	2.5	12,289	11,923	366	3.0
Conway	36,287	35,293	994	2.7	36,026	35,046	980	2.7	35,361	34,171	1,190	3.4
El Dorado	6,384	6,060	324	5.1	6,544	6,253	291	4.4	6,395	5,974	421	6.6
Fayetteville	54,640	53,280	1,360	2.5	53,705	52,442	1,263	2.4	52,688	51,223	1,465	2.8
Fort Smith	39,310	37,787	1,523	3.9	39,317	37,951	1,366	3.5	38,775	37,408	1,367	3.5
Hot Springs	16,130	15,507	623	3.9	15,947	15,352	595	3.7	16,245	15,398	847	5.2
Jacksonville	12,138	11,734	404	3.3	12,044	11,655	389	3.2	11,902	11,342	560	4.7
Jonesboro	42,499	41,322	1,177	2.8	41,900	40,796	1,104	2.6	41,456	40,102	1,354	3.3
Little Rock	101,644	98,482	3,162	3.1	100,765	97,817	2,948	2.9	99,172	95,188	3,984	4.0
North Little Rock	31,324	30,284	1,040	3.3	31,068	30,079	989	3.2	30,655	29,271	1,384	4.5
Paragould	12,863	12,440	423	3.3	12,866	12,456	410	3.2	12,863	12,361	502	3.9
Pine Bluff	15,440	14,636	804	5.2	15,391	14,654	737	4.8	15,396	14,336	1,060	6.9
Rogers	40,945	40,081	864	2.1	40,338	39,462	876	2.2	39,489	38,519	970	2.5
Russellville	13,114	12,569	545	4.2	13,340	12,857	483	3.6	12,692	12,097	595	4.7
Searcy	10,199	9,846	353	3.5	10,423	10,075	348	3.3	10,188	9,762	426	4.2
Sherwood	16,983	16,527	456	2.7	16,839	16,415	424	2.5	16,534	15,974	560	3.4
Springdale	43,465	42,549	916	2.1	42,792	41,881	911	2.1	41,953	40,906	1,047	2.5
Texarkana, AR	13,356	12,815	541	4.1	13,143	12,642	501	3.8	13,214	12,554	660	5.0
Van Buren	10,542	10,106	436	4.1	10,541	10,152	389	3.7	10,402	10,022	380	3.7
West Memphis	10,415	9,913	502	4.8	10,219	9,768	451	4.4	10,510	9,844	666	6.3

County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2023				June 2023				July 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,404	9,174	230	2.4	9,401	9,178	223	2.4	9,623	9,288	335	3.5
Ashley	6,348	5,979	369	5.8	6,575	6,225	350	5.3	6,691	6,260	431	6.4
Baxter	17,152	16,553	599	3.5	17,355	16,794	561	3.2	16,579	15,893	686	4.1
Benton	159,636	155,869	3,767	2.4	157,118	153,462	3,656	2.3	153,987	149,795	4,192	2.7
Boone	15,828	15,330	498	3.1	16,270	15,797	473	2.9	15,761	15,240	521	3.3
Bradley	3,964	3,786	178	4.5	4,170	3,999	171	4.1	4,039	3,815	224	5.5
Calhoun	2,326	2,264	62	2.7	2,428	2,366	62	2.6	2,347	2,261	86	3.7
Carroll	12,629	12,300	329	2.6	12,859	12,531	328	2.6	12,692	12,316	376	3.0
Chicot	2,926	2,757	169	5.8	2,932	2,775	157	5.4	3,136	2,922	214	6.8
Clark	8,340	7,891	449	5.4	8,402	7,988	414	4.9	8,349	7,844	505	6.0
Clay	5,450	5,227	223	4.1	5,532	5,329	203	3.7	5,553	5,307	246	4.4
Cleburne	9,099	8,762	337	3.7	9,314	8,985	329	3.5	9,077	8,644	433	4.8
Cleveland	3,145	3,036	109	3.5	3,138	3,037	101	3.2	3,156	3,008	148	4.7
Columbia	8,356	7,970	386	4.6	8,737	8,379	358	4.1	8,329	7,903	426	5.1
Conway	8,407	8,084	323	3.8	8,535	8,239	296	3.5	8,346	7,969	377	4.5
Craighead	60,135	58,513	1,622	2.7	59,290	57,768	1,522	2.6	58,670	56,785	1,885	3.2
Crawford	26,828	25,864	964	3.6	26,867	25,982	885	3.3	26,621	25,649	972	3.7
Crittenden	21,246	20,313	933	4.4	20,833	20,016	817	3.9	21,295	20,173	1,122	5.3
Cross	6,820	6,594	226	3.3	7,039	6,824	215	3.1	7,129	6,836	293	4.1
Dallas	2,653	2,552	101	3.8	2,673	2,577	96	3.6	2,777	2,644	133	4.8
Desha	4,920	4,680	240	4.9	5,040	4,836	204	4.0	5,089	4,766	323	6.3
Drew	7,355	7,037	318	4.3	7,464	7,183	281	3.8	7,285	6,916	369	5.1
Faulkner	65,914	64,106	1,808	2.7	65,413	63,657	1,756	2.7	64,220	62,068	2,152	3.4
Franklin	7,450	7,213	237	3.2	7,611	7,390	221	2.9	7,403	7,110	293	4.0
Fulton	4,540	4,358	182	4.0	4,768	4,596	172	3.6	4,979	4,757	222	4.5
Garland	43,462	41,905	1,557	3.6	42,977	41,486	1,491	3.5	43,521	41,610	1,911	4.4
Grant	8,834	8,571	263	3.0	8,767	8,523	244	2.8	8,630	8,315	315	3.7
Greene	20,215	19,574	641	3.2	20,221	19,599	622	3.1	20,170	19,449	721	3.6
Hempstead	9,075	8,745	330	3.6	9,345	9,036	309	3.3	9,408	9,044	364	3.9
Hot Spring	14,084	13,563	521	3.7	14,052	13,580	472	3.4	14,152	13,535	617	4.4
Howard	5,206	5,016	190	3.6	5,362	5,181	181	3.4	5,539	5,315	224	4.0
Independence	16,837	16,205	632	3.8	17,172	16,552	620	3.6	16,501	15,805	696	4.2
Izard	4,346	4,106	240	5.5	4,479	4,244	235	5.2	4,404	4,126	278	6.3
Jackson	5,353	5,074	279	5.2	5,519	5,266	253	4.6	5,512	5,207	305	5.5
Jefferson	26,061	24,857	1,204	4.6	25,989	24,887	1,102	4.2	25,922	24,347	1,575	6.1
Johnson	9,750	9,317	433	4.4	10,129	9,738	391	3.9	9,976	9,442	534	5.4
Lafayette	2,187	2,077	110	5.0	2,273	2,167	106	4.7	2,276	2,140	136	6.0
Lawrence	6,636	6,404	232	3.5	6,829	6,613	216	3.2	6,610	6,317	293	4.4
Lee	2,598	2,465	133	5.1	2,642	2,514	128	4.8	2,594	2,466	128	4.9
Lincoln	3,771	3,619	152	4.0	3,748	3,618	130	3.5	3,780	3,596	184	4.9
Little River	5,374	5,197	177	3.3	5,303	5,136	167	3.1	5,307	5,081	226	4.3
Logan	8,330	7,965	365	4.4	8,502	8,182	320	3.8	8,269	7,893	376	4.5
Lonoke	35,737	34,796	941	2.6	35,481	34,576	905	2.6	34,905	33,800	1,105	3.2
Madison	8,173	7,976	197	2.4	8,058	7,860	198	2.5	8,010	7,784	226	2.8
Marion	6,311	6,049	262	4.2	6,432	6,187	245	3.8	6,387	6,133	254	4.0
Miller	19,458	18,732	726	3.7	19,165	18,480	685	3.6	19,212	18,351	861	4.5

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2023				June 2023				July 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,057	16,098	959	5.6	17,094	16,188	906	5.3	16,718	15,554	1,164	7.0
Monroe	2,449	2,358	91	3.7	2,527	2,435	92	3.6	2,586	2,453	133	5.1
Montgomery	2,935	2,792	143	4.9	3,049	2,912	137	4.5	2,997	2,840	157	5.2
Nevada	3,331	3,194	137	4.1	3,436	3,303	133	3.9	3,455	3,293	162	4.7
Newton	3,207	3,091	116	3.6	3,273	3,173	100	3.1	3,209	3,099	110	3.4
Ouachita	9,490	9,131	359	3.8	9,912	9,574	338	3.4	9,468	9,033	435	4.6
Perry	4,405	4,256	149	3.4	4,363	4,223	140	3.2	4,324	4,147	177	4.1
Phillips	5,138	4,807	331	6.4	5,378	5,072	306	5.7	5,490	5,108	382	7.0
Pike	4,053	3,907	146	3.6	4,244	4,105	139	3.3	4,080	3,905	175	4.3
Poinsett	10,381	10,054	327	3.1	10,250	9,939	311	3.0	10,234	9,846	388	3.8
Polk	7,807	7,519	288	3.7	8,052	7,790	262	3.3	7,832	7,485	347	4.4
Pope	28,385	27,139	1,246	4.4	28,854	27,760	1,094	3.8	27,503	26,120	1,383	5.0
Prairie	3,522	3,413	109	3.1	3,640	3,536	104	2.9	3,531	3,413	118	3.3
Pulaski	197,520	191,474	6,046	3.1	195,852	190,180	5,672	2.9	192,770	185,070	7,700	4.0
Randolph	7,106	6,850	256	3.6	7,261	7,007	254	3.5	7,192	6,890	302	4.2
St. Francis	7,448	7,063	385	5.2	7,532	7,203	329	4.4	7,590	7,157	433	5.7
Saline	62,746	61,072	1,674	2.7	62,266	60,651	1,615	2.6	60,965	59,046	1,919	3.1
Scott	4,364	4,229	135	3.1	4,465	4,339	126	2.8	4,337	4,195	142	3.3
Searcy	2,781	2,652	129	4.6	2,948	2,827	121	4.1	2,907	2,760	147	5.1
Sebastian	56,459	54,434	2,025	3.6	56,512	54,670	1,842	3.3	55,832	53,889	1,943	3.5
Sevier	5,492	5,286	206	3.8	5,562	5,365	197	3.5	5,449	5,205	244	4.5
Sharp	5,912	5,692	220	3.7	6,127	5,900	227	3.7	5,811	5,520	291	5.0
Stone	4,579	4,397	182	4.0	4,711	4,533	178	3.8	4,645	4,401	244	5.3
Union	14,769	14,082	687	4.7	15,174	14,531	643	4.2	14,716	13,882	834	5.7
Van Buren	5,993	5,772	221	3.7	6,187	5,966	221	3.6	5,963	5,666	297	5.0
Washington	140,985	137,826	3,159	2.2	138,707	135,658	3,049	2.2	136,052	132,505	3,547	2.6
White	33,787	32,606	1,181	3.5	34,509	33,363	1,146	3.3	33,713	32,326	1,387	4.1
Woodruff	2,771	2,678	93	3.4	2,894	2,806	88	3.0	2,739	2,635	104	3.8
Yell	8,098	7,774	324	4.0	8,237	7,942	295	3.6	7,951	7,572	379	4.8

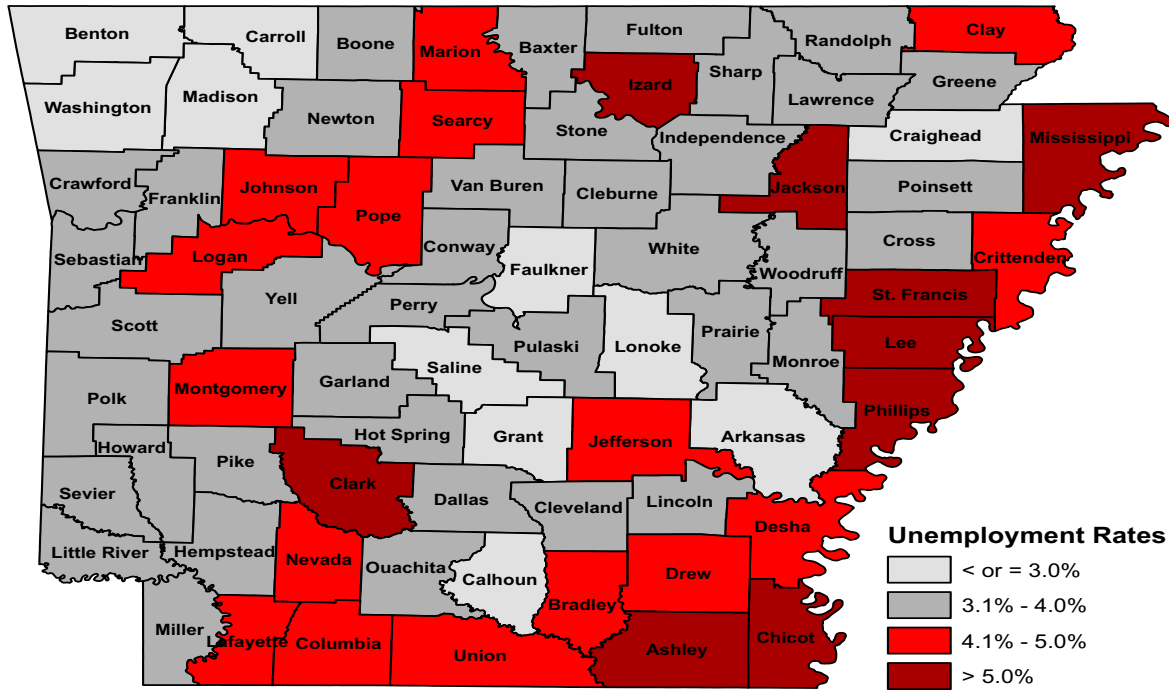
County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 68 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates remained stable in six counties, while one county-- Madison County -- posted a slight rate decline over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2% in Washington County to a high of 6.4% in Phillips County.

In July, eleven counties reported an unemployment rate at or below 3%. That is down from 18 counties at or below 3% last month. For the 6th consecutive month, no county in Arkansas had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to July 2022, unemployment rates are down in 71 Arkansas counties. The largest rate decline was in Jefferson County, down one and five-tenths of a percentage point. The average annual jobless rate decline was a decrease of seven-tenths of a percentage point. Rates in four counties-- Lee, Marion, Newton, and Sebastian-- were up slightly over the year.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.2	23	White	3.5	51	Clay	4.1
2	Arkansas	2.4	27	Crawford	3.6	51	Nevada	4.1
2	Benton	2.4	27	Garland	3.6	53	Marion	4.2
2	Madison	2.4	27	Hempstead	3.6	54	Drew	4.3
5	Carroll	2.6	27	Howard	3.6	55	Crittenden	4.4
5	Lonoke	2.6	27	Newton	3.6	55	Johnson	4.4
7	Calhoun	2.7	27	Pike	3.6	55	Logan	4.4
7	Craighead	2.7	27	Randolph	3.6	55	Pope	4.4
7	Faulkner	2.7	27	Sebastian	3.6	59	Bradley	4.5
7	Saline	2.7	35	Cleburne	3.7	60	Columbia	4.6
11	Grant	3.0	35	Hot Spring	3.7	60	Jefferson	4.6
12	Boone	3.1	35	Miller	3.7	60	Searcy	4.6
12	Poinsett	3.1	35	Monroe	3.7	63	Union	4.7
12	Prairie	3.1	35	Polk	3.7	64	Desha	4.9
12	Pulaski	3.1	35	Sharp	3.7	64	Montgomery	4.9
12	Scott	3.1	35	Van Buren	3.7	66	Lafayette	5.0
17	Franklin	3.2	42	Conway	3.8	67	Lee	5.1
17	Greene	3.2	42	Dallas	3.8	68	Jackson	5.2
19	Cross	3.3	42	Independence	3.8	68	St. Francis	5.2
19	Little River	3.3	42	Ouachita	3.8	70	Clark	5.4
21	Perry	3.4	42	Sevier	3.8	71	Izard	5.5
21	Woodruff	3.4	47	Fulton	4.0	72	Mississippi	5.6
23	Baxter	3.5	47	Lincoln	4.0	73	Ashley	5.8
23	Cleveland	3.5	47	Stone	4.0	73	Chicot	5.8
23	Lawrence	3.5	47	Yell	4.0	75	Phillips	6.4

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	July 2023				June 2023				July 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	266,244	258,737	7,507	2.8	264,414	257,218	7,196	2.7	259,805	250,662	9,143	3.5
City of Little Rock	101,644	98,482	3,162	3.1	100,765	97,817	2,948	2.9	99,172	95,188	3,984	4.0
Eastern	43,250	41,242	2,008	4.6	43,424	41,629	1,795	4.1	44,098	41,740	2,358	5.3
North Central	93,217	89,650	3,567	3.8	95,680	92,211	3,469	3.6	93,344	89,087	4,257	4.6
Northeast	126,980	122,720	4,260	3.4	126,477	122,443	4,034	3.2	125,147	120,148	4,999	4.0
Northwest	366,702	357,646	9,056	2.5	363,020	354,289	8,731	2.4	355,584	345,525	10,059	2.8
Southeast	76,728	73,496	3,232	4.2	77,224	74,261	2,963	3.8	77,351	73,233	4,118	5.3
Southwest	87,717	84,246	3,471	4.0	89,370	86,095	3,275	3.7	88,283	84,152	4,131	4.7
West Central	131,919	126,628	5,291	4.0	132,842	127,973	4,869	3.7	131,199	124,984	6,215	4.7
Western	111,238	107,224	4,014	3.6	112,009	108,353	3,656	3.3	110,294	106,221	4,073	3.7

