**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**July 2016**



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Technical Notes

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

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the num- ber of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected 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 2015 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 Area (MSA)**

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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 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 dur- ing 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

Seasonal Employment Trends (Par t 1 of 2)

Employment in several major industry sectors is directly affected by seasonal patterns. These patterns can be seen by comparing monthly employment across multiple years. Seasonal trends can be attributed to set schedules of operation, holidays, or weather patterns. Examples of all three types are provided.

Education is one of the most obvious examples of seasonal employment. Most of Arkansas’ public schools and universities are scheduled to operate from August to May. Chart 1 shows how state and local government em- ployment is affected by the operation schedule of public schools. Note that the number of jobs begin to decline between May and June, reaches a low in July, and then increases between August and September. Jobs remain fairly stable during the rest of the year, with the exception of the holiday-related drop in December/January.

While employment at public universities and secondary schools falls under state and local government, employ- ment at *private* universities and *private* secondary schools falls under educational services. This is a subsector under **educational and health services**. With the exception of the few schools that utilize a three-quarter system, the majority of private schools operate on the same August to May schedule as public schools. Chart 2 below shows the seasonal employment trends of private edu-

cational services, which closely mirrors the trend seen in state and local government.

**Leisure and hospitality** is another sector affected by seasonal patterns. People tend to travel more during the summer months. Hotels, restaurants, and recreational facilities have increased business during this time and require more employees. Similarly, many recreational facilities in Arkansas are only open during the summer months—water and amusement parks are prime exam- ples. Chart 3 shows the seasonal employment pattern that occurs in the **leisure and hospitality** sector. Note that employment begins to steadily rise throughout the spring, peaks in June, and then typically declines slowly throughout the second half of the year.

**Chart 2. Jobs in Educational Services**

January 2014 - July 2016

18,000

200,000

195,000

190,000

185,000

180,000

175,000

170,000

125,000

**Chart 1. Jobs in State and Local Government**

January 2014 - July 2016

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2014 2015 2016

**Chart 3. Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

January 2014 - July 2016

17,000

16,000

120,000

15,000

14,000

115,000

13,000

12,000

110,000

11,000

10,000

105,000

9,000

8,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

100,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was stable at 3.9 percent in July (due to the upward revision of the June rate from 3.8 percent to 3.9 percent). Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 2,430, a result of 2,700 fewer employed and 270 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate was unchanged in July, remaining at 4.9 percent.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ jobless rate remained stable between June and July, mirroring the trend seen at the national level. Compared to July 2015, the unemployment rate is down one and three-tenths of a percentage point.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **July 16**  1,357,310 | **June 16**  1,359,740 | **July 15**  1,330,447 | Civilian Labor Force | **July 16**  1,368,849 | **June 16**  1,372,829 | **July 15**  1,348,400 |
| Employment | 1,304,601 | 1,307,301 | 1,261,457 | Employment | 1,310,029 | 1,314,532 | 1,272,567 |
| Unemployment | 52,709 | 52,439 | 68,990 | Unemployment | 58,820 | 58,297 | 75,833 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | 3.9 | 5.2 | Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.6 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.3 | U.S. Unemployment | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 |

1,350,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

July: 1996 - 2016

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**July 16 June 16 July 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1215.0 | 1231.7 | 1193.7 | -16.7 | 21.3 |
| Goods Producing | 211.2 | 210.8 | 213.7 | 0.4 | -2.5 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 57.5 | 56.2 | 58.7 | 1.3 | -1.2 |
| **Mining & Logging 6.7 6.6 7.9 0.1 -1.2** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **50.8** | **49.6** | **50.8** | **1.2** | **0.0** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.4 | 32.8 | 31.8 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **153.7** | **154.6** | **155.0** | **-0.9** | **-1.3** |
| Durable Goods | 73.6 | 73.7 | 76.0 | -0.1 | -2.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 80.1 | 80.9 | 79.0 | -0.8 | 1.1 |
| Service Providing | 1003.8 | 1020.9 | 980.0 | -17.1 | 23.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **255.9** | **258.2** | **251.9** | **-2.3** | **4.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 48.8 | 49.3 | 47.6 | -0.5 | 1.2 |
| Retail Trade | 143.4 | 144.8 | 140.4 | -1.4 | 3.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 63.7 | 64.1 | 63.9 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| I**nformation** | **14.0** | **14.0** | **13.7** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **50.0** | **49.5** | **49.6** | **0.5** | **0.4** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.8 | 36.4 | 36.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **145.3** | **145.3** | **136.2** | **0.0** | **9.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.8 | 43.3 | 41.0 | 0.5 | 2.8 |
| Management of Companies | 35.1 | 35.2 | 33.6 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 66.4 | 66.8 | 61.6 | -0.4 | 4.8 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **178.5** | **179.1** | **171.9** | **-0.6** | **6.6** |
| Educational Services | 12.1 | 12.6 | 11.2 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 166.4 | 166.5 | 160.7 | -0.1 | 5.7 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 53.0 | 52.9 | 51.2 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| Social Assistance | 39.0 | 39.6 | 37.7 | -0.6 | 1.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 116.1 118.4 113.7 -2.3 2.4** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.4 | 12.8 | 12.3 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 103.7 | 105.6 | 101.4 | -1.9 | 2.3 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.4 | 12.5 | 11.9 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Food Services | 91.3 | 93.1 | 89.5 | -1.8 | 1.8 |
| **Other Services** | **45.0** | **45.1** | **44.3** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Government** | **199.0** | **211.3** | **198.7** | **-12.3** | **0.3** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 20.6 | 20.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 73.4 | 75.1 | 72.9 | -1.7 | 0.5 |
| Local Government | 105.0 | 115.6 | 105.4 | -10.6 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

June 2016 - July 2016

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined 16,700 in July to total 1,215,000. Six major industry sectors decreased, more than offsetting gains in three sectors. **Government** posted the largest drop (-12,300). Seasonal losses occurred in local (-10,600) and state (-1,700) government, related to summer break at public schools. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** declined 2,300. A majority of the decrease was in retail trade (-1,400), attributed to reported losses at various retail establishments. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** is down 2,300. Most of the contraction occurred in food services (-1,800), related in part to temporary shutdowns in school cafeterias and contract services. **Construction** added

1,200 jobs, related to seasonal hiring and on-going large-scale projects.

July 2015 - July 2016

Compared to July 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 21,300. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, while two decreased. **Professional and business services** added 9,100 jobs. Gains occurred in all three subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 6,600. Most of the growth was reported in health care and social assistance (+5,700), an on-going employment trend. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 4,000, mostly in retail trade (+3,000). **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,400 jobs. A majority of the growth occurred in food services (+1,800). Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 1,300. Losses in durable goods (-2,400) more than offset gains in nondurable goods (+1,100). **Mining and logging** lost 1,200 jobs, attributed to recent layoffs and closures.

54,000

**Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2014 - July 2016

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

40,000

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2014 2015 2016

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**July 16 June 16**

**July 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.6

15.75

639.45

41.5

15.85

657.78

41.1

16.12

662.53

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**July 16 June 16**

**July 15**

**July 16 June 16**

**July 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.0

17.66

724.06

41.9

17.59

737.02

40.2

17.59

707.12

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.2

13.93

559.99

41.2

14.22

585.86

42.0

14.78

620.76

$700.00

**Average Weekly Earnings: Manufacturing Jobs**

July: 2006 - 2016

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

$450.00

$400.00

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 363,643 | 359,131 | 357,313 | 4,512 | 6,330 |
| Employment | 349,933 | 345,687 | 339,520 | 4,246 | 10,413 |
| Unemployment | 13,710 | 13,444 | 17,793 | 266 | -4,083 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 0.1 | -1.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **July 16**  353.8 | **June 16**  357.6 | **July 15**  347.9 | **OTM**  -3.8 | **OT Y**  5.9 |
| Goods Producing | 36.9 | 36.9 | 37.8 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.5** | **16.5** | **17.4** | **0.0** | **-0.9** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.4** | **20.4** | **20.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 316.9 320.7 310.1 -3.8 6.8 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.9** | **70.8** | **68.5** | **-0.9** | **1.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 39.8 | 40.6 | 38.7 | -0.8 | 1.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.8 | 14.9 | 14.5 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.2** | **6.3** | **6.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.8** | **20.8** | **20.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.8** | **48.9** | **45.9** | **-0.1** | **2.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **53.1** | **53.2** | **51.3** | **-0.1** | **1.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.3** | **34.8** | **33.6** | **-0.5** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services** | **15.6** | **15.6** | **15.6** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **68.2** | **70.3** | **67.9** | **-2.1** | **0.3** |
| Federal Government | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 33.5 | 33.7 | 33.2 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 24.9 | 26.8 | 25.1 | -1.9 | -0.2 |

325,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

July 2013 - July 2016

320,000

315,000

310,000

305,000

300,000

295,000

Ju l '13 Oct ' 13 Ja n '14 Apr '14 Ju l '14 Oct ' 14 Ja n '15 Apr '15 Ju l '15 Oct ' 15 Ja n '16 Apr '16 Ju l '16

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 268,365 | 265,603 | 257,991 | 2,762 | 10,374 |
| Employment | 259,942 | 257,241 | 247,407 | 2,701 | 12,535 |
| Unemployment | 8,423 | 8,362 | 10,584 | 61 | -2,161 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **July 16**  240.9 | **June 16**  243.4 | **July 15**  231.6 | **OTM**  -2.5 | **OT Y**  9.3 |
| Goods Producing | 37.0 | 36.7 | 37.2 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.6** | **10.4** | **10.0** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **26.4** | **26.3** | **27.2** | **0.1** | **-0.8** |
| Service Providing 203.9 206.7 194.4 -2.8 9.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.3** | **55.4** | **53.6** | **-0.1** | **1.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 26.6 | 26.6 | 25.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.4 | 16.5 | 16.0 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.0** | **7.0** | **6.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.9** | **51.0** | **46.7** | **-0.1** | **4.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **26.1** | **26.2** | **25.1** | **-0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.5** | **24.9** | **23.3** | **-0.4** | **1.2** |
| **Other Services** | **7.4** | **7.4** | **7.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **30.6** | **32.8** | **29.6** | **-2.2** | **1.0** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 11.2 | 11.5 | 10.5 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| Local Government | 16.8 | 18.7 | 16.5 | -1.9 | 0.3 |

270,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2014 - July 2016

250,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

July: 2006 - 2016

260,000

240,000

250,000

240,000

230,000

220,000

210,000

230,000

200,000

220,000

190,000

210,000

180,000

200,000

170,000

190,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

160,000

150,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

For t Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 123,059 | 122,835 | 122,642 | 224 | 417 |
| Employment | 116,962 | 116,729 | 115,621 | 233 | 1,341 |
| Unemployment | 6,097 | 6,106 | 7,021 | -9 | -924 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **July 16**  112.1 | **June 16**  114.0 | **July 15**  111.0 | **OTM**  -1.9 | **OT Y**  1.1 |
| Goods Producing | 23.8 | 23.5 | 23.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.8** | **5.8** | **6.1** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **18.0** | **17.7** | **17.7** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| Service Providing 88.3 90.5 87.2 -2.2 1.1 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.7** | **24.1** | **23.7** | **-0.4** | **0.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.9 | 13.1 | 12.7 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.1** | **12.1** | **12.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **16.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **10.1** | **9.8** | **9.6** | **0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **16.4** | **18.5** | **15.9** | **-2.1** | **0.5** |
| Federal Government | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 12.1 | 14.2 | 11.7 | -2.1 | 0.4 |

10.0

**Unemployment Rates**

July: 1996 - 2016

10,500

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

July: 2006 - 2016

9.0

8.0

10,000

7.0

9,500

6.0

5.0

9,000

4.0

3.0

8,500

2.0

8,000

1.0

0.0

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

7,500

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 42,413 | 41,840 | 41,535 | 573 | 878 |
| Employment | 40,489 | 39,975 | 39,045 | 514 | 1,444 |
| Unemployment | 1,924 | 1,865 | 2,490 | 59 | -566 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.5 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -1.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.4 | 38.9 | 37.5 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.9 | 34.4 | 33.0 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.2 | -0.3 | 0.0 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

41,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2014 - July 2016

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,244 | 63,250 | 62,020 | 994 | 2,224 |
| Employment | 61,861 | 60,921 | 58,839 | 940 | 3,022 |
| Unemployment | 2,383 | 2,329 | 3,181 | 54 | -798 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 0.0 | -1.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.6 | 55.8 | 53.4 | -0.2 | 2.2 |
| 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| 46.3 | 46.7 | 44.5 | -0.4 | 1.8 |
| 8.4 | 8.8 | 8.3 | -0.4 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

50,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

July 2014 - July 2016

49,000

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

42,000

41,000

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| 40,000 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | Jul | Oct | Jan | Apr | Jul | Oct | Jan | Apr | Jul |
|  | '14 | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 | '16 | '16 |

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,825 | 36,831 | 37,278 | -6 | -453 |
| Employment | 34,627 | 34,697 | 34,442 | -70 | 185 |
| Unemployment | 2,198 | 2,134 | 2,836 | 64 | -638 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.0 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 0.2 | -1.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
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| **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.8 | 33.6 | 33.1 | -0.8 | -0.3 |
| 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| 26.9 | 27.6 | 26.9 | -0.7 | 0.0 |
| 8.9 | 9.5 | 9.0 | -0.6 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

44,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

July: 1996 - 2016

42,000

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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.

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|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 631,842 | 631,423 | 626,649 | 419 | 5,193 |
| Employment | 597,274 | 595,315 | 584,077 | 1,959 | 13,197 |
| Unemployment | 34,568 | 36,108 | 42,572 | -1,540 | -8,004 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.8 | -0.2 | -1.3 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **July 16** | **June 16** | **July 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,040 | 65,631 | 64,829 | -591 | 211 |
| Employment | 61,718 | 62,614 | 61,307 | -896 | 411 |
| Unemployment | 3,322 | 3,017 | 3,522 | 305 | -200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 0.5 | -0.3 |

55,000

**Number of Unemployed- Memphis MSA**

July 2014 - July 2016

70,000

**Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA**

July: 2006 - 2016

50,000

68,000

45,000

66,000

40,000

64,000

35,000

62,000

30,000

60,000

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Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,539 | 9,038 | 501 | 5.3 | 9,573 | 9,057 | 516 | 5.4 | 9,311 | 8,728 | 583 | 6.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,914 | 15,048 | 866 | 5.4 | 16,417 | 15,563 | 854 | 5.2 | 15,561 | 14,483 | 1,078 | 6.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,804 | 16,476 | 1,328 | 7.5 | 18,048 | 16,420 | 1,628 | 9.0 | 18,615 | 16,617 | 1,998 | 10.7 |
| Camden Micro | 12,531 | 11,812 | 719 | 5.7 | 12,661 | 11,952 | 709 | 5.6 | 12,481 | 11,634 | 847 | 6.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 17,519 | 16,480 | 1,039 | 5.9 | 17,599 | 16,571 | 1,028 | 5.8 | 17,362 | 16,162 | 1,200 | 6.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,776 | 8,291 | 485 | 5.5 | 9,090 | 8,602 | 488 | 5.4 | 8,965 | 8,213 | 752 | 8.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,008 | 18,251 | 757 | 4.0 | 19,902 | 19,154 | 748 | 3.8 | 19,314 | 18,260 | 1,054 | 5.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,707 | 6,286 | 421 | 6.3 | 7,066 | 6,646 | 420 | 5.9 | 6,827 | 6,256 | 571 | 8.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,256 | 8,662 | 594 | 6.4 | 9,669 | 9,044 | 625 | 6.5 | 9,216 | 8,508 | 708 | 7.7 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,558 | 13,922 | 636 | 4.4 | 14,630 | 14,017 | 613 | 4.2 | 14,447 | 13,612 | 835 | 5.8 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,231 | 15,498 | 733 | 4.5 | 16,414 | 15,717 | 697 | 4.2 | 16,219 | 15,223 | 996 | 6.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,002 | 19,069 | 933 | 4.7 | 20,244 | 19,308 | 936 | 4.6 | 20,220 | 19,037 | 1,183 | 5.9 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,112 | 36,051 | 2,061 | 5.4 | 39,333 | 37,305 | 2,028 | 5.2 | 37,979 | 35,568 | 2,411 | 6.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,535 | 32,672 | 1,863 | 5.4 | 35,096 | 33,192 | 1,904 | 5.4 | 33,882 | 31,548 | 2,334 | 6.9 |

Arkadelphia Micro= Clark County Batesville Micro= Independence County Blytheville Micro= Mississippi County

Camden Micro= Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro= Union County

Forrest City Micro= St. Francis County Harrison Micro= Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro= Phillips County 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)



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| **City** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Bella Vista | 12,342 | 11,889 | 453 | 3.7 | 12,187 | 11,763 | 424 | 3.5 | 11,891 | 11,304 | 587 | 4.9 |
| Benton | 16,736 | 16,160 | 576 | 3.4 | 16,503 | 15,952 | 551 | 3.3 | 16,424 | 15,677 | 747 | 4.5 |
| Bentonville | 23,054 | 22,346 | 708 | 3.1 | 22,792 | 22,108 | 684 | 3.0 | 22,104 | 21,246 | 858 | 3.9 |
| Blytheville | 6,120 | 5,625 | 495 | 8.1 | 6,190 | 5,606 | 584 | 9.4 | 6,551 | 5,673 | 878 | 13.4 |
| Cabot | 12,140 | 11,729 | 411 | 3.4 | 12,028 | 11,628 | 400 | 3.3 | 11,877 | 11,388 | 489 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 34,167 | 32,890 | 1,277 | 3.7 | 33,778 | 32,492 | 1,286 | 3.8 | 33,561 | 31,919 | 1,642 | 4.9 |
| El Dorado | 7,620 | 7,107 | 513 | 6.7 | 7,653 | 7,146 | 507 | 6.6 | 7,549 | 6,970 | 579 | 7.7 |
| Fayetteville | 46,867 | 45,352 | 1,515 | 3.2 | 46,405 | 44,853 | 1,552 | 3.3 | 45,010 | 43,130 | 1,880 | 4.2 |
| Fort Smith | 40,858 | 39,306 | 1,552 | 3.8 | 40,645 | 39,078 | 1,567 | 3.9 | 40,512 | 38,432 | 2,080 | 5.1 |
| Hot Springs | 14,826 | 14,074 | 752 | 5.1 | 14,650 | 13,896 | 754 | 5.1 | 14,556 | 13,572 | 984 | 6.8 |
| Jacksonville | 12,318 | 11,719 | 599 | 4.9 | 12,170 | 11,569 | 601 | 4.9 | 12,070 | 11,368 | 702 | 5.8 |
| Jonesboro | 37,497 | 36,117 | 1,380 | 3.7 | 36,866 | 35,521 | 1,345 | 3.6 | 36,137 | 34,336 | 1,801 | 5.0 |
| Little Rock | 100,568 | 96,750 | 3,818 | 3.8 | 99,240 | 95,512 | 3,728 | 3.8 | 98,941 | 93,851 | 5,090 | 5.1 |
| North Little Rock | 31,289 | 30,015 | 1,274 | 4.1 | 30,867 | 29,631 | 1,236 | 4.0 | 30,806 | 29,116 | 1,690 | 5.5 |
| Paragould | 12,511 | 11,873 | 638 | 5.1 | 12,639 | 12,022 | 617 | 4.9 | 12,621 | 11,853 | 768 | 6.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,688 | 16,388 | 1,300 | 7.3 | 17,646 | 16,398 | 1,248 | 7.1 | 17,956 | 16,298 | 1,658 | 9.2 |
| Rogers | 33,984 | 33,036 | 948 | 2.8 | 33,666 | 32,684 | 982 | 2.9 | 32,724 | 31,409 | 1,315 | 4.0 |
| Russellville | 13,615 | 12,873 | 742 | 5.4 | 14,051 | 13,303 | 748 | 5.3 | 13,516 | 12,699 | 817 | 6.0 |
| Searcy | 10,569 | 10,069 | 500 | 4.7 | 10,720 | 10,229 | 491 | 4.6 | 10,336 | 9,722 | 614 | 5.9 |
| Sherwood | 16,109 | 15,610 | 499 | 3.1 | 15,894 | 15,411 | 483 | 3.0 | 15,815 | 15,143 | 672 | 4.2 |
| Springdale | 39,136 | 37,986 | 1,150 | 2.9 | 38,708 | 37,569 | 1,139 | 2.9 | 37,484 | 36,123 | 1,361 | 3.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,993 | 13,318 | 675 | 4.8 | 14,026 | 13,370 | 656 | 4.7 | 13,986 | 13,131 | 855 | 6.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,666 | 10,242 | 424 | 4.0 | 10,622 | 10,203 | 419 | 3.9 | 10,606 | 10,017 | 589 | 5.6 |
| West Memphis | 11,102 | 10,462 | 640 | 5.8 | 10,909 | 10,298 | 611 | 5.6 | 11,138 | 10,290 | 848 | 7.6 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,799 | 9,452 | 347 | 3.5 | 9,789 | 9,455 | 334 | 3.4 | 9,606 | 9,144 | 462 | 4.8 |
| Ashley | 8,102 | 7,580 | 522 | 6.4 | 8,445 | 7,932 | 513 | 6.1 | 8,029 | 7,306 | 723 | 9.0 |
| Baxter | 16,231 | 15,498 | 733 | 4.5 | 16,414 | 15,717 | 697 | 4.2 | 16,219 | 15,223 | 996 | 6.1 |
| Benton | 127,637 | 123,693 | 3,944 | 3.1 | 126,271 | 122,377 | 3,894 | 3.1 | 122,691 | 117,602 | 5,089 | 4.1 |
| Boone | 15,661 | 15,045 | 616 | 3.9 | 16,402 | 15,789 | 613 | 3.7 | 15,907 | 15,051 | 856 | 5.4 |
| Bradley | 4,523 | 4,231 | 292 | 6.5 | 4,770 | 4,486 | 284 | 6.0 | 4,252 | 3,961 | 291 | 6.8 |
| Calhoun | 2,398 | 2,267 | 131 | 5.5 | 2,443 | 2,308 | 135 | 5.5 | 2,387 | 2,235 | 152 | 6.4 |
| Carroll | 13,166 | 12,737 | 429 | 3.3 | 13,382 | 12,957 | 425 | 3.2 | 12,717 | 12,148 | 569 | 4.5 |
| Chicot | 3,613 | 3,367 | 246 | 6.8 | 3,724 | 3,481 | 243 | 6.5 | 3,710 | 3,349 | 361 | 9.7 |
| Clark | 9,539 | 9,038 | 501 | 5.3 | 9,573 | 9,057 | 516 | 5.4 | 9,311 | 8,728 | 583 | 6.3 |
| Clay | 6,063 | 5,699 | 364 | 6.0 | 6,265 | 5,910 | 355 | 5.7 | 6,281 | 5,827 | 454 | 7.2 |
| Cleburne | 9,762 | 9,163 | 599 | 6.1 | 9,965 | 9,384 | 581 | 5.8 | 9,672 | 8,938 | 734 | 7.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,411 | 3,242 | 169 | 5.0 | 3,431 | 3,264 | 167 | 4.9 | 3,427 | 3,225 | 202 | 5.9 |
| Columbia | 9,256 | 8,662 | 594 | 6.4 | 9,669 | 9,044 | 625 | 6.5 | 9,216 | 8,508 | 708 | 7.7 |
| Conway | 8,852 | 8,299 | 553 | 6.2 | 8,897 | 8,369 | 528 | 5.9 | 8,775 | 8,176 | 599 | 6.8 |
| Craighead | 53,575 | 51,658 | 1,917 | 3.6 | 52,681 | 50,805 | 1,876 | 3.6 | 51,678 | 49,111 | 2,567 | 5.0 |
| Crawford | 27,483 | 26,325 | 1,158 | 4.2 | 27,384 | 26,223 | 1,161 | 4.2 | 27,308 | 25,745 | 1,563 | 5.7 |
| Crittenden | 22,299 | 21,198 | 1,101 | 4.9 | 21,943 | 20,867 | 1,076 | 4.9 | 22,389 | 20,850 | 1,539 | 6.9 |
| Cross | 7,832 | 7,479 | 353 | 4.5 | 8,195 | 7,846 | 349 | 4.3 | 7,902 | 7,435 | 467 | 5.9 |
| Dallas | 3,025 | 2,853 | 172 | 5.7 | 3,087 | 2,926 | 161 | 5.2 | 2,905 | 2,682 | 223 | 7.7 |
| Desha | 5,392 | 5,071 | 321 | 6.0 | 5,654 | 5,350 | 304 | 5.4 | 5,491 | 5,050 | 441 | 8.0 |
| Drew | 7,732 | 7,244 | 488 | 6.3 | 8,148 | 7,675 | 473 | 5.8 | 7,562 | 6,968 | 594 | 7.9 |
| Faulkner | 62,570 | 60,026 | 2,544 | 4.1 | 61,843 | 59,300 | 2,543 | 4.1 | 61,424 | 58,255 | 3,169 | 5.2 |
| Franklin | 7,414 | 7,079 | 335 | 4.5 | 7,593 | 7,257 | 336 | 4.4 | 7,357 | 6,942 | 415 | 5.6 |
| Fulton | 4,646 | 4,441 | 205 | 4.4 | 4,893 | 4,685 | 208 | 4.3 | 4,747 | 4,469 | 278 | 5.9 |
| Garland | 42,413 | 40,489 | 1,924 | 4.5 | 41,840 | 39,975 | 1,865 | 4.5 | 41,535 | 39,045 | 2,490 | 6.0 |
| Grant | 8,645 | 8,319 | 326 | 3.8 | 8,578 | 8,254 | 324 | 3.8 | 8,494 | 8,071 | 423 | 5.0 |
| Greene | 20,002 | 19,069 | 933 | 4.7 | 20,244 | 19,308 | 936 | 4.6 | 20,220 | 19,037 | 1,183 | 5.9 |
| Hempstead | 9,800 | 9,389 | 411 | 4.2 | 10,227 | 9,829 | 398 | 3.9 | 9,680 | 9,116 | 564 | 5.8 |
| Hot Spring | 14,558 | 13,922 | 636 | 4.4 | 14,630 | 14,017 | 613 | 4.2 | 14,447 | 13,612 | 835 | 5.8 |
| Howard | 6,078 | 5,858 | 220 | 3.6 | 6,282 | 6,069 | 213 | 3.4 | 5,977 | 5,682 | 295 | 4.9 |
| Independence | 15,914 | 15,048 | 866 | 5.4 | 16,417 | 15,563 | 854 | 5.2 | 15,561 | 14,483 | 1,078 | 6.9 |
| Izard | 4,873 | 4,555 | 318 | 6.5 | 5,042 | 4,720 | 322 | 6.4 | 4,832 | 4,466 | 366 | 7.6 |
| Jackson | 6,193 | 5,799 | 394 | 6.4 | 6,356 | 5,965 | 391 | 6.2 | 6,268 | 5,770 | 498 | 7.9 |
| Jefferson | 29,266 | 27,453 | 1,813 | 6.2 | 29,220 | 27,470 | 1,750 | 6.0 | 29,657 | 27,303 | 2,354 | 7.9 |
| Johnson | 10,191 | 9,618 | 573 | 5.6 | 10,659 | 10,084 | 575 | 5.4 | 10,303 | 9,581 | 722 | 7.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,489 | 2,327 | 162 | 6.5 | 2,630 | 2,467 | 163 | 6.2 | 2,552 | 2,318 | 234 | 9.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,696 | 6,356 | 340 | 5.1 | 7,000 | 6,667 | 333 | 4.8 | 6,697 | 6,226 | 471 | 7.0 |
| Lee | 3,017 | 2,851 | 166 | 5.5 | 3,202 | 3,046 | 156 | 4.9 | 3,097 | 2,858 | 239 | 7.7 |
| Lincoln | 4,148 | 3,932 | 216 | 5.2 | 4,180 | 3,963 | 217 | 5.2 | 4,194 | 3,914 | 280 | 6.7 |
| Little River | 5,772 | 5,477 | 295 | 5.1 | 5,781 | 5,508 | 273 | 4.7 | 5,745 | 5,398 | 347 | 6.0 |
| Logan | 9,222 | 8,731 | 491 | 5.3 | 9,419 | 8,936 | 483 | 5.1 | 9,317 | 8,691 | 626 | 6.7 |
| Lonoke | 34,478 | 33,241 | 1,237 | 3.6 | 34,178 | 32,954 | 1,224 | 3.6 | 33,814 | 32,274 | 1,540 | 4.6 |
| Madison | 7,486 | 7,234 | 252 | 3.4 | 7,487 | 7,235 | 252 | 3.4 | 7,217 | 6,915 | 302 | 4.2 |
| Marion | 6,597 | 6,315 | 282 | 4.3 | 6,716 | 6,444 | 272 | 4.1 | 6,576 | 6,191 | 385 | 5.9 |
| Miller | 20,177 | 19,283 | 894 | 4.4 | 20,225 | 19,358 | 867 | 4.3 | 20,153 | 19,012 | 1,141 | 5.7 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,804 | 16,476 | 1,328 | 7.5 | 18,048 | 16,420 | 1,628 | 9.0 | 18,615 | 16,617 | 1,998 | 10.7 |
| Monroe | 2,871 | 2,706 | 165 | 5.7 | 3,030 | 2,866 | 164 | 5.4 | 2,911 | 2,712 | 199 | 6.8 |
| Montgomery | 3,254 | 3,082 | 172 | 5.3 | 3,668 | 3,497 | 171 | 4.7 | 3,247 | 3,002 | 245 | 7.5 |
| Nevada | 3,660 | 3,504 | 156 | 4.3 | 3,812 | 3,658 | 154 | 4.0 | 3,614 | 3,401 | 213 | 5.9 |
| Newton | 3,347 | 3,206 | 141 | 4.2 | 3,500 | 3,365 | 135 | 3.9 | 3,407 | 3,209 | 198 | 5.8 |
| Ouachita | 10,133 | 9,545 | 588 | 5.8 | 10,218 | 9,644 | 574 | 5.6 | 10,094 | 9,399 | 695 | 6.9 |
| Perry | 4,374 | 4,168 | 206 | 4.7 | 4,340 | 4,129 | 211 | 4.9 | 4,332 | 4,051 | 281 | 6.5 |
| Phillips | 6,707 | 6,286 | 421 | 6.3 | 7,066 | 6,646 | 420 | 5.9 | 6,827 | 6,256 | 571 | 8.4 |
| Pike | 4,129 | 3,926 | 203 | 4.9 | 4,364 | 4,166 | 198 | 4.5 | 4,095 | 3,802 | 293 | 7.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,669 | 10,203 | 466 | 4.4 | 10,569 | 10,116 | 453 | 4.3 | 10,342 | 9,728 | 614 | 5.9 |
| Polk | 8,056 | 7,625 | 431 | 5.4 | 8,429 | 7,994 | 435 | 5.2 | 8,083 | 7,543 | 540 | 6.7 |
| Pope | 29,250 | 27,656 | 1,594 | 5.4 | 30,159 | 28,580 | 1,579 | 5.2 | 29,148 | 27,282 | 1,866 | 6.4 |
| Prairie | 3,589 | 3,444 | 145 | 4.0 | 3,751 | 3,605 | 146 | 3.9 | 3,614 | 3,419 | 195 | 5.4 |
| Pulaski | 195,584 | 188,126 | 7,458 | 3.8 | 192,991 | 185,719 | 7,272 | 3.8 | 192,322 | 182,489 | 9,833 | 5.1 |
| Randolph | 5,856 | 5,547 | 309 | 5.3 | 6,044 | 5,725 | 319 | 5.3 | 6,099 | 5,640 | 459 | 7.5 |
| St. Francis | 8,776 | 8,291 | 485 | 5.5 | 9,090 | 8,602 | 488 | 5.4 | 8,965 | 8,213 | 752 | 8.4 |
| Saline | 57,992 | 56,053 | 1,939 | 3.3 | 57,201 | 55,331 | 1,870 | 3.3 | 56,927 | 54,380 | 2,547 | 4.5 |
| Scott | 4,527 | 4,337 | 190 | 4.2 | 4,639 | 4,455 | 184 | 4.0 | 4,467 | 4,211 | 256 | 5.7 |
| Searcy | 2,893 | 2,752 | 141 | 4.9 | 3,116 | 2,975 | 141 | 4.5 | 2,980 | 2,803 | 177 | 5.9 |
| Sebastian | 58,838 | 56,528 | 2,310 | 3.9 | 58,484 | 56,200 | 2,284 | 3.9 | 58,288 | 55,271 | 3,017 | 5.2 |
| Sevier | 5,680 | 5,359 | 321 | 5.7 | 5,798 | 5,484 | 314 | 5.4 | 5,639 | 5,267 | 372 | 6.6 |
| Sharp | 6,002 | 5,652 | 350 | 5.8 | 6,193 | 5,856 | 337 | 5.4 | 6,001 | 5,555 | 446 | 7.4 |
| Stone | 4,662 | 4,405 | 257 | 5.5 | 4,847 | 4,596 | 251 | 5.2 | 4,623 | 4,314 | 309 | 6.7 |
| Union | 17,519 | 16,480 | 1,039 | 5.9 | 17,599 | 16,571 | 1,028 | 5.8 | 17,362 | 16,162 | 1,200 | 6.9 |
| Van Buren | 6,436 | 5,975 | 461 | 7.2 | 6,666 | 6,200 | 466 | 7.0 | 6,390 | 5,913 | 477 | 7.5 |
| Washington | 121,978 | 118,330 | 3,648 | 3.0 | 120,695 | 117,028 | 3,667 | 3.0 | 117,123 | 112,532 | 4,591 | 3.9 |
| White | 34,535 | 32,672 | 1,863 | 5.4 | 35,096 | 33,192 | 1,904 | 5.4 | 33,882 | 31,548 | 2,334 | 6.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,874 | 2,688 | 186 | 6.5 | 3,067 | 2,889 | 178 | 5.8 | 2,874 | 2,671 | 203 | 7.1 |
| Yell | 8,862 | 8,395 | 467 | 5.3 | 9,174 | 8,725 | 449 | 4.9 | 8,831 | 8,286 | 545 | 6.2 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 54 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in four counties declined, while 17 remained stable over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.5 percent in Mississippi County.

In July, fourteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. No county re- ported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to July 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Crawford

Sebastian

Scott

Franklin

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Lonoke

Monroe

Lee

Phillips

Sevier

Howard

Pike

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 4.0%

4.1% - 6.0%

6.1% - 8.0%

Lafayette

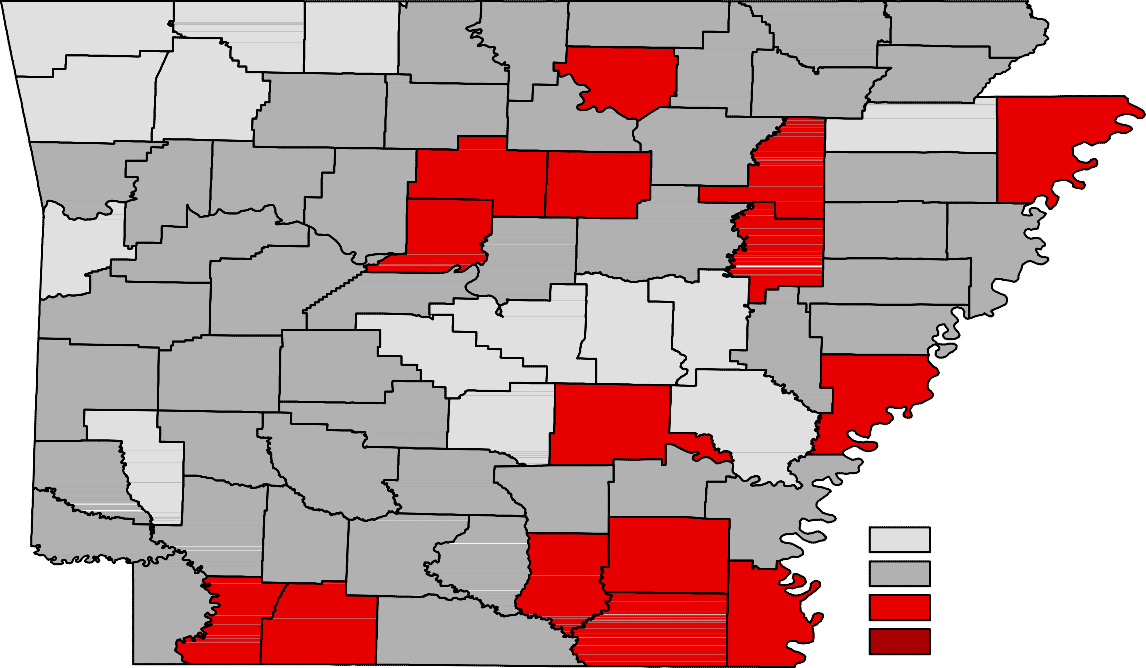
Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 8.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



July 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  3.0 | **Rank**  26 | **County**  Baxter | **Rate**  4.5 | **Rank**  48 | **County**  Stone | **Rate**  5.5 |
| 2 | Benton | 3.1 | 26 | Cross | 4.5 | 52 | Johnson | 5.6 |
| 3 | Carroll | 3.3 | 26 | Franklin | 4.5 | 53 | Dallas | 5.7 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.3 | 26 | Garland | 4.5 | 53 | Monroe | 5.7 |
| 5 | Madison | 3.4 | 30 | Greene | 4.7 | 53 | Sevier | 5.7 |
| 6 | Arkansas | 3.5 | 30 | Perry | 4.7 | 56 | Ouachita | 5.8 |
| 7 | Craighead | 3.6 | 32 | Crittenden | 4.9 | 56 | Sharp | 5.8 |
| 7 | Howard | 3.6 | 32 | Pike | 4.9 | 58 | Union | 5.9 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.6 | 32 | Searcy | 4.9 | 59 | Clay | 6.0 |
| 10 | Grant | 3.8 | 35 | Cleveland | 5.0 | 59 | Desha | 6.0 |
| 10 | Pulaski | 3.8 | 36 | Lawrence | 5.1 | 61 | Cleburne | 6.1 |
| 12 | Boone | 3.9 | 36 | Little River | 5.1 | 62 | Conway | 6.2 |
| 12 | Sebastian | 3.9 | 38 | Lincoln | 5.2 | 62 | Jefferson | 6.2 |
| 14 | Prairie | 4.0 | 39 | Clark | 5.3 | 64 | Drew | 6.3 |
| 15 | Faulkner | 4.1 | 39 | Logan | 5.3 | 64 | Phillips | 6.3 |
| 16 | Crawford | 4.2 | 39 | Montgomery | 5.3 | 66 | Ashley | 6.4 |
| 16 | Hempstead | 4.2 | 39 | Randolph | 5.3 | 66 | Columbia | 6.4 |
| 16 | Newton | 4.2 | 39 | Yell | 5.3 | 66 | Jackson | 6.4 |
| 16 | Scott | 4.2 | 44 | Independence | 5.4 | 69 | Bradley | 6.5 |
| 20 | Marion | 4.3 | 44 | Polk | 5.4 | 69 | Izard | 6.5 |
| 20 | Nevada | 4.3 | 44 | Pope | 5.4 | 69 | Lafayette | 6.5 |
| 22 | Fulton | 4.4 | 44 | White | 5.4 | 69 | Woodruff | 6.5 |
| 22 | Hot Spring | 4.4 | 48 | Calhoun | 5.5 | 73 | Chicot | 6.8 |
| 22 | Miller | 4.4 | 48 | Lee | 5.5 | 74 | Van Buren | 7.2 |
| 22 | Poinsett | 4.4 | 48 | St. Francis | 5.5 | 75 | Mississippi | 7.5 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **July 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2015**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 256,516 246,846 9,670 3.8 253,754 244,263 9,491 3.7 252,071 239,678 12,393 4.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Little Rock | 100,568 | 96,750 | 3,818 | 3.8 | 99,240 | 95,512 | 3,728 | 3.8 | 98,941 | 93,851 | 5,090 | 5.1 |
| Eastern | 48,631 | 46,105 | 2,526 | 5.2 | 49,496 | 47,007 | 2,489 | 5.0 | 49,180 | 45,612 | 3,568 | 7.3 |
| North Central | 95,897 | 90,398 | 5,499 | 5.7 | 98,542 | 93,050 | 5,492 | 5.6 | 94,850 | 88,127 | 6,723 | 7.1 |
| Northeast | 120,665 | 115,008 | 5,657 | 4.7 | 120,851 | 114,951 | 5,900 | 4.9 | 119,932 | 112,186 | 7,746 | 6.5 |
| Northwest | 314,996 | 304,810 | 10,186 | 3.2 | 313,983 | 303,887 | 10,096 | 3.2 | 304,837 | 291,674 | 13,163 | 4.3 |
| Southeast | 84,631 | 79,891 | 4,740 | 5.6 | 85,939 | 81,330 | 4,609 | 5.4 | 84,422 | 78,291 | 6,131 | 7.3 |
| Southwest | 95,987 | 91,004 | 4,983 | 5.2 | 97,771 | 92,866 | 4,905 | 5.0 | 95,324 | 89,180 | 6,144 | 6.4 |
| West Central | 135,422 | 128,593 | 6,829 | 5.0 | 137,304 | 130,599 | 6,705 | 4.9 | 134,024 | 125,565 | 8,459 | 6.3 |
| Western | 115,540 | 110,625 | 4,915 | 4.3 | 115,948 | 111,065 | 4,883 | 4.2 | 114,820 | 108,403 | 6,417 | 5.6 |



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Western

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