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Workforce Services



The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry 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 sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

AUGUST SPOTLIGHT

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

3rd Quarter 2019 - 2nd Quarter 2020 (Average)

**U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.1% 3.1% 5.0% 5.3% 6.0% 9.0%

is for 2nd Quarter 2020.

The following definitions are used to calculate each

measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
  2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
  3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
  4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
  5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Quarter Ending)

10.0

9.0



8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 2nd Q 2018 2nd Q 2019 2nd Q 2020



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### 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 increased three-tenths of a percentage point, from 7.1 percent in July to 7.4 percent in August. Ar- kansas’ civilian labor force rose 38,219, a result of 31,763 more employed and 6,456 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined sharply, dropping from 10.2 percent in July to 8.4 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate increased in August, due to the sizable growth of the civilian labor force. The labor force gains were related to a surge in the number of employed Arkansans, in addition to an increase in unemployed individuals who are actively looking for work.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,244,400 1,212,637 1,313,485 Employment 1,246,448 1,223,779 1,314,696

Unemployment 99,432 92,976 48,570 Unemployment 99,714 99,847 49,499

Unemployment Rate 7.4 7.1 3.6 Unemployment Rate 7.4 7.5 3.6

U.S. Unemployment 8.4 10.2 3.7 U.S. Unemployment 8.5 10.5 3.8

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,343,832 | 1,305,613 | 1,362,055 Civilian Labor Force | 1,346,162 | 1,323,626 | 1,364,195 |

1,350,000

**Number of Employed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2018 - August 2020

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000



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1,100,000

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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS) Aug 20 Jul 20 Aug 19 OTM OTY** | | | | | |
| Total Nonfarm | 1220.3 | 1202.3 | 1265.8 | 18.0 | -45.5 |
| Goods Producing | 203.9 | 202.6 | 221.7 | 1.3 | -17.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 59.7 | 58.7 | 59.6 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.8** |
| **Construction** | **54.5** | **53.5** | **53.6** | **1.0** | **0.9** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.8 | 34.1 | 33.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | 144.2 | 143.9 | 162.1 | 0.3 | -17.9 |
| Durable Goods | 63.8 | 63.4 | 77.2 | 0.4 | -13.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 80.4 | 80.5 | 84.9 | -0.1 | -4.5 |
| Service Providing | 1016.4 | 999.7 | 1044.1 | 16.7 | -27.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **258.8** | **254.9** | **251.0** | **3.9** | **7.8** |
| Wholesale Trade | 48.7 | 49.3 | 47.5 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| Retail Trade | 139.2 | 136.1 | 135.8 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 70.9 | 69.5 | 67.7 | 1.4 | 3.2 |
| **Information** | **10.6** | **10.6** | **11.2** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **61.1** | **61.7** | **63.3** | **-0.6** | **-2.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 47.8 | 48.2 | 49.0 | -0.4 | -1.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.3 | 13.5 | 14.3 | -0.2 | -1.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **145.2** | **141.8** | **143.6** | **3.4** | **1.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.3 | 43.8 | 44.6 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| Management of Companies | 35.9 | 36.0 | 33.9 | -0.1 | 2.0 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.0 | 62.0 | 65.1 | 3.0 | -0.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **182.7** | **181.3** | **191.5** | **1.4** | **-8.8** |
| Educational Services | 14.4 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 168.3 | 167.8 | 178.4 | 0.5 | -10.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.1 | 59.2 | 60.1 | -0.1 | -1.0 |
| Social Assistance | 36.1 | 35.0 | 39.2 | 1.1 | -3.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **105.7** | **104.7** | **123.5** | **1.0** | **-17.8** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.8 | 12.2 | 13.0 | -0.4 | -1.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 93.9 | 92.5 | 110.5 | 1.4 | -16.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 8.8 | 9.1 | 11.9 | -0.3 | -3.1 |
| Food Services | 85.1 | 83.4 | 98.6 | 1.7 | -13.5 |
| **Other Services** | **56.3** | **56.3** | **59.6** | **0.0** | **-3.3** |
| **Government** | **196.0** | **188.4** | **200.4** | **7.6** | **-4.4** |
| Federal Government | 24.1 | 20.8 | 20.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| State Government | 72.6 | 70.8 | 74.7 | 1.8 | -2.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 25.8 | 23.8 | 26.7 | 2.0 | -0.9 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.8 | 47.0 | 48.0 | -0.2 | -1.2 |
| Local Government | 99.3 | 96.8 | 105.2 | 2.5 | -5.9 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 57.1 | 54.7 | 59.8 | 2.4 | -2.7 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.2 | 42.1 | 45.4 | 0.1 | -3.2 |

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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**July 2020 - August 2020**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 18,000 in August to total 1,220,300. Seven major industry sec- tors added jobs. The largest increase was in **government**, up 7,600. Jobs in federal government rose 3,300, attributed to hiring for the Census. The remaining expansions were mostly in local government, educational services (+2,400) and state government, educational services (+2,000), as public schools began the 2020-2021 school year. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,900 jobs. Most of the hiring was in retail trade (+3,100). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 3,400, largely in administrative and support services (+3,000). Employment in **educational and health services** in- creased 1,400. Expansions were reported in both educational services (+900) and health care and social assistance (+500). Small gains were also posted in **construction** (+1,000) and **leisure and hospitality**

(+1,000).

**August 2019 - August 2020**

Compared to August 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are down 45,500. Job losses were reported in eight major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** posted the largest decline (-17,900). Most of the drop was in durable goods manufacturing (-13,400), including activities such as transportation equipment manufacturing and fabricated metal product manufacturing. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** is down 17,800, mostly in food services (-13,500). **Educational and health services** decreased 8,800, with reductions in health care and social assistance (-10,100) more than offsetting small gains in educational services (+1,300). Jobs in **financial activities** declined 2,200, with reported losses in both subsectors. Employment in **other services** decreased 3,300. The sector includes businesses such as nail salons, dry cleaners, and social organizations. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted a notable increase, up 7,800 jobs. **Professional and business services** added 1,600 jobs, all in management of companies (+2,000).

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

August 2018 - August 2020

1,320,000

1,270,000

1,220,000

1,170,000

1,120,000

1,070,000

Aug '18

Feb '19

Aug '19

Feb '20

Aug '20

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### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Aug 20**

Average Weekly Hours 38.0

Average Hourly Earnings 18.43

Average Weekly Earnings 700.34

**Jul 20**

37.7

18.43

694.81

**Aug 19**

43.7

18.71

814.57

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Aug 20**

Average Weekly Hours 37.2

Average Hourly Earnings 20.48

Average Weekly Earnings 761.86

**Jul 20**

36.1

19.98

721.28

**Aug 19**

43.0

20.75

892.25

**Aug 20**

Average Weekly Hours 38.7

Average Hourly Earnings 16.89

Average Weekly Earnings 653.64

**Jul 20**

39.0

17.32

675.48

**Aug 19**

44.3

16.83

745.57

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

August: 2010 - 2020

$25.00

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$0.00

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

#### 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 351,468 | 346,561 | 360,444 | 4,907 | -8,976 |
| **Employment** | 322,068 | 317,682 | 348,518 | 4,386 | -26,450 |
| **Unemployment** | 29,400 | 28,879 | 11,926 | 521 | 17,474 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 8.4 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 5.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 345.1 | 341.2 | 364.0 | 3.9 | -18.9 |
| Goods Producing 37.7 | 37.1 | 39.5 | 0.6 | -1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.8** | **18.3** | **18.2** | **0.5** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing 18.9** | **18.8** | **21.3** | **0.1** | **-2.4** |
| Service Providing 307.4 | 304.1 | 324.5 | 3.3 | -17.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 70.3** | **69.4** | **70.2** | **0.9** | **0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade 15.6 | 15.7 | 16.0 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Retail Trade 37.7 | 36.8 | 37.5 | 0.9 | 0.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 17.0 | 16.9 | 16.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 3.7** | **3.7** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities 21.2** | **21.0** | **22.1** | **0.2** | **-0.9** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.8** | **45.9** | **47.7** | **0.9** | **-0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services 52.9** | **52.8** | **58.0** | **0.1** | **-5.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.0** | **30.3** | **35.1** | **-0.3** | **-5.1** |
| **Other Services 17.6** | **17.7** | **18.6** | **-0.1** | **-1.0** |
| **Government 64.9** | **63.3** | **68.5** | **1.6** | **-3.6** |
| Federal Government 10.7 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| State Government 33.2 | 32.6 | 34.9 | 0.6 | -1.7 |
| Local Government 21.0 | 20.8 | 23.9 | 0.2 | -2.9 |

**Number of Employed**

January 2018 - August 2020

370,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

August: 2010 - 2020

38,000

360,000 36,000

350,000

34,000

340,000

32,000

330,000

30,000

320,000

28,000

26,000

310,000

24,000

300,000



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290,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2018 2019 2020

22,000

20,000

'10

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 278,548 | 273,584 | 281,309 | 4,964 | -2,761 |
| **Employment** | 262,584 | 257,875 | 273,729 | 4,709 | -11,145 |
| **Unemployment** | 15,964 | 15,709 | 7,580 | 255 | 8,384 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.7 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 3.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 257.8 | 254.1 | 262.1 | 3.7 | -4.3 |
| Goods Producing 41.4 | 41.2 | 42.8 | 0.2 | -1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.6** | **12.5** | **12.7** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 28.8** | **28.7** | **30.1** | **0.1** | **-1.3** |
| Service Providing 216.4 | 212.9 | 219.3 | 3.5 | -2.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.7** | **57.2** | **56.2** | **0.5** | **1.5** |
| Wholesale Trade 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade 26.5 | 26.2 | 25.9 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 18.7 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| **Information 1.9** | **1.9** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.3** | **8.3** | **8.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 51.6** | **50.6** | **50.3** | **1.0** | **1.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 26.7** | **27.2** | **29.4** | **-0.5** | **-2.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 25.9** | **25.1** | **28.4** | **0.8** | **-2.5** |
| **Other Services 9.4** | **9.4** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 34.9** | **33.2** | **34.8** | **1.7** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| State Government 14.2 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| Local Government 17.2 | 17.0 | 17.7 | 0.2 | -0.5 |

**Employment**

August: 2010 - 2020

300,000

**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities**

August 2018 - August 2020

60,000

260,000

58,000

220,000

56,000

180,000

54,000

52,000

140,000

50,000

100,000



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'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

Aug '18

Feb '19

Aug '19

Feb '20

Aug '20

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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,261 | 115,239 | 118,957 | 2,022 | -1,696 |
| **Employment** | 109,534 | 106,908 | 114,520 | 2,626 | -4,986 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,727 | 8,331 | 4,437 | -604 | 3,290 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.6 | 7.2 | 3.7 | -0.6 | 2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 109.3 | 107.4 | 112.6 | 1.9 | -3.3 |
| Goods Producing 22.2 | 22.3 | 23.6 | -0.1 | -1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.8** | **5.9** | **6.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 16.4** | **16.4** | **17.4** | **0.0** | **-1.0** |
| Service Providing 87.1 | 85.1 | 89.0 | 2.0 | -1.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.7** | **23.2** | **23.1** | **0.5** | **0.6** |
| Wholesale Trade 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade 13.5 | 13.0 | 12.3 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.3** | **12.1** | **0.2** | **-0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.5** | **16.5** | **17.2** | **0.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.0** | **9.1** | **9.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Other Services 4.3** | **4.3** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 16.8** | **15.4** | **17.2** | **1.4** | **-0.4** |
| Federal Government 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| State Government 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government 12.6 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 1.2 | -0.4 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**

August 2019 vs August 2020

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Financial Activities

Information

Other Services

Government

Mining-Logging-Construction

Professional & Business

Leisure & Hospitality

Education & Health

Manufacturing

-1,200 -1,000 -800 -600 -400 -200 0 200 400 600 800

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,512 | 41,629 | 41,798 | 883 | 714 |
| **Employment** | 38,178 | 37,626 | 40,210 | 552 | -2,032 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,334 | 4,003 | 1,588 | 331 | 2,746 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 10.2 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 6.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.4 | 38.0 | 39.4 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 33.9 | 33.5 | 34.7 | 0.4 | -0.8 |
| 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |

50,000

45,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

August 2018 - August 2020

Civilian Labor Force = Employed + Unemployed

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

Aug '18

Feb '19

Aug '19

Unemployed Employed

Feb '20

Aug '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,901 | 65,937 | 65,955 | 964 | 946 |
| **Employment** | 62,456 | 61,493 | 63,998 | 963 | -1,542 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,445 | 4,444 | 1,957 | 1 | 2,488 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.6 | 6.7 | 3.0 | -0.1 | 3.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 20** | **Jul 20 Aug 19** | | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 59.7 | 59.1 59.5 | | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| 49.3 | 48.5 | 49.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 0.1 | -0.8 |

62,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2018 - August 2020

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

57,000

56,000

55,000

54,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| J F M A M J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
| 2018 2019 |  | 2020 |  |  |  |  |

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,143 | 33,537 | 34,912 | 606 | -769 |
| **Employment** | 30,874 | 30,391 | 33,054 | 483 | -2,180 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,269 | 3,146 | 1,858 | 123 | 1,411 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 9.6 | 9.4 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 4.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.0 | 30.7 | 32.4 | 0.3 | -1.4 |
| 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| 25.5 | 25.2 | 26.4 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| 8.1 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 0.2 | -0.7 |

12.0%

**Unemployment Rates**

August: 2000 - 2020

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

'00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20

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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 661,502 | 628,804 | 644,138 | 32,698 | 17,364 |
| **Employment** | 583,514 | 546,369 | 616,822 | 37,145 | -33,208 |
| **Unemployment** | 77,988 | 82,435 | 27,316 | -4,447 | 50,672 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 11.8 | 13.1 | 4.2 | -1.3 | 7.6 |

##### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 20** | **Jul 20** | **Aug 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,804 | 64,171 | 64,651 | 1,633 | 1,153 |
| **Employment** | 61,377 | 59,285 | 61,735 | 2,092 | -358 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,427 | 4,886 | 2,916 | -459 | 1,511 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.7 | 7.6 | 4.5 | -0.9 | 2.2 |

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

August 2018 - August 2020

700,000

9.0

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

August: 2010 - 2020

650,000

8.0

7.0

600,000

6.0

5.0

550,000

4.0

500,000

3.0

450,000

2.0

1.0

400,000

Aug

Feb

Aug

Feb

Aug

0.0

'18



**ARKANSAS**

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August

'19

'19

'20

'20

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**August 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**July 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,507 | 8,878 | 629 | 6.6 | 9,400 | 8,704 | 696 | 7.4 | 9,625 | 9,217 | 408 | 4.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,492 | 15,470 | 1,022 | 6.2 | 16,236 | 15,162 | 1,074 | 6.6 | 16,059 | 15,363 | 696 | 4.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,429 | 15,538 | 1,891 | 10.8 | 17,144 | 15,172 | 1,972 | 11.5 | 17,408 | 16,481 | 927 | 5.3 |
| Camden Micro | 11,931 | 11,158 | 773 | 6.5 | 11,774 | 10,934 | 840 | 7.1 | 12,155 | 11,571 | 584 | 4.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,641 | 14,087 | 1,554 | 9.9 | 15,373 | 13,816 | 1,557 | 10.1 | 15,785 | 14,938 | 847 | 5.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,138 | 7,380 | 758 | 9.3 | 7,970 | 7,218 | 752 | 9.4 | 8,298 | 7,883 | 415 | 5.0 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,134 | 18,064 | 1,070 | 5.6 | 18,800 | 17,707 | 1,093 | 5.8 | 19,094 | 18,449 | 645 | 3.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,267 | 5,600 | 667 | 10.6 | 6,149 | 5,445 | 704 | 11.4 | 6,282 | 5,893 | 389 | 6.2 |
| Hope Micro | 13,201 | 12,365 | 836 | 6.3 | 12,950 | 12,097 | 853 | 6.6 | 13,439 | 12,902 | 537 | 4.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,281 | 8,511 | 770 | 8.3 | 9,095 | 8,344 | 751 | 8.3 | 8,969 | 8,534 | 435 | 4.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,872 | 12,862 | 1,010 | 7.3 | 13,624 | 12,637 | 987 | 7.2 | 14,150 | 13,604 | 546 | 3.9 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,982 | 14,935 | 1,047 | 6.6 | 15,768 | 14,665 | 1,103 | 7.0 | 16,200 | 15,546 | 654 | 4.0 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,874 | 18,567 | 1,307 | 6.6 | 19,567 | 18,169 | 1,398 | 7.1 | 19,960 | 19,249 | 711 | 3.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,827 | 34,499 | 2,328 | 6.3 | 36,238 | 33,770 | 2,468 | 6.8 | 36,603 | 34,943 | 1,660 | 4.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,179 | 30,817 | 2,362 | 7.1 | 32,737 | 30,273 | 2,464 | 7.5 | 33,680 | 32,281 | 1,399 | 4.2 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County



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**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

August

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not Seasonally Adjusted**  **August 2020 July 2020 August 2019**  **City CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bella Vista | 12,153 | 11,350 | 803 | 6.6 | 11,967 | 11,142 | 825 | 6.9 | 12,245 | 11,848 | 397 | 3.2 |
| Benton | 16,936 | 15,839 | 1,097 | 6.5 | 16,808 | 15,633 | 1,175 | 7.0 | 17,696 | 17,144 | 552 | 3.1 |
| Bentonville | 26,655 | 25,311 | 1,344 | 5.0 | 26,298 | 24,848 | 1,450 | 5.5 | 27,098 | 26,422 | 676 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville | 6,073 | 5,233 | 840 | 13.8 | 5,993 | 5,110 | 883 | 14.7 | 5,994 | 5,551 | 443 | 7.4 |
| Cabot | 11,716 | 11,014 | 702 | 6.0 | 11,685 | 10,830 | 855 | 7.3 | 12,306 | 11,901 | 405 | 3.3 |
| Conway | 32,672 | 30,682 | 1,990 | 6.1 | 32,565 | 30,255 | 2,310 | 7.1 | 34,204 | 33,182 | 1,022 | 3.0 |
| El Dorado | 6,977 | 6,102 | 875 | 12.5 | 6,831 | 5,985 | 846 | 12.4 | 6,906 | 6,471 | 435 | 6.3 |
| Fayetteville | 48,351 | 45,017 | 3,334 | 6.9 | 47,566 | 44,193 | 3,373 | 7.1 | 48,302 | 46,974 | 1,328 | 2.7 |
| Fort Smith | 38,750 | 36,013 | 2,737 | 7.1 | 38,075 | 35,290 | 2,785 | 7.3 | 39,428 | 38,071 | 1,357 | 3.4 |
| Hot Springs | 15,469 | 13,572 | 1,897 | 12.3 | 15,200 | 13,376 | 1,824 | 12.0 | 14,960 | 14,294 | 666 | 4.5 |
| Jacksonville | 11,926 | 10,416 | 1,510 | 12.7 | 11,531 | 10,282 | 1,249 | 10.8 | 11,820 | 11,277 | 543 | 4.6 |
| Jonesboro | 40,004 | 37,140 | 2,864 | 7.2 | 39,422 | 36,604 | 2,818 | 7.1 | 39,181 | 38,058 | 1,123 | 2.9 |
| Little Rock | 97,655 | 87,657 | 9,998 | 10.2 | 96,213 | 86,524 | 9,689 | 10.1 | 98,269 | 94,903 | 3,366 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,595 | 26,892 | 3,703 | 12.1 | 29,812 | 26,545 | 3,267 | 11.0 | 30,204 | 29,115 | 1,089 | 3.6 |
| Paragould | 12,722 | 11,731 | 991 | 7.8 | 12,500 | 11,480 | 1,020 | 8.2 | 12,654 | 12,162 | 492 | 3.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,453 | 14,430 | 2,023 | 12.3 | 16,115 | 14,230 | 1,885 | 11.7 | 16,590 | 15,470 | 1,120 | 6.8 |
| Rogers | 35,484 | 33,507 | 1,977 | 5.6 | 34,847 | 32,893 | 1,954 | 5.6 | 35,902 | 34,978 | 924 | 2.6 |
| Russellville | 13,163 | 12,403 | 760 | 5.8 | 13,024 | 12,161 | 863 | 6.6 | 13,066 | 12,561 | 505 | 3.9 |
| Searcy | 10,015 | 9,395 | 620 | 6.2 | 9,930 | 9,229 | 701 | 7.1 | 10,250 | 9,842 | 408 | 4.0 |
| Sherwood | 15,755 | 14,517 | 1,238 | 7.9 | 15,541 | 14,329 | 1,212 | 7.8 | 16,236 | 15,717 | 519 | 3.2 |
| Springdale | 39,366 | 37,082 | 2,284 | 5.8 | 38,426 | 36,404 | 2,022 | 5.3 | 39,706 | 38,696 | 1,010 | 2.5 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,654 | 12,466 | 1,188 | 8.7 | 13,527 | 12,309 | 1,218 | 9.0 | 13,576 | 12,979 | 597 | 4.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,265 | 9,582 | 683 | 6.7 | 10,085 | 9,374 | 711 | 7.1 | 10,474 | 10,127 | 347 | 3.3 |
| West Memphis | 10,791 | 9,362 | 1,429 | 13.2 | 10,543 | 9,190 | 1,353 | 12.8 | 10,712 | 10,166 | 546 | 5.1 |

#### COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**August 2020 July 2020 August 2019**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,249 | 8,798 | 451 | 4.9 | 9,034 | 8,578 | 456 | 5.0 | 9,518 | 9,259 | 259 | 2.7 |
| Ashley | 7,433 | 6,637 | 796 | 10.7 | 7,296 | 6,487 | 809 | 11.1 | 7,735 | 7,332 | 403 | 5.2 |
| Baxter | 15,982 | 14,935 | 1,047 | 6.6 | 15,768 | 14,665 | 1,103 | 7.0 | 16,200 | 15,546 | 654 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 135,894 | 128,327 | 7,567 | 5.6 | 133,584 | 125,977 | 7,607 | 5.7 | 137,711 | 133,961 | 3,750 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,866 | 14,953 | 913 | 5.8 | 15,596 | 14,670 | 926 | 5.9 | 15,812 | 15,276 | 536 | 3.4 |
| Bradley | 4,379 | 4,111 | 268 | 6.1 | 4,288 | 3,994 | 294 | 6.9 | 4,359 | 4,181 | 178 | 4.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,379 | 2,246 | 133 | 5.6 | 2,325 | 2,188 | 137 | 5.9 | 2,428 | 2,328 | 100 | 4.1 |
| Carroll | 12,731 | 11,881 | 850 | 6.7 | 12,442 | 11,617 | 825 | 6.6 | 13,224 | 12,855 | 369 | 2.8 |
| Chicot | 3,187 | 2,795 | 392 | 12.3 | 3,108 | 2,703 | 405 | 13.0 | 3,296 | 3,078 | 218 | 6.6 |
| Clark | 9,507 | 8,878 | 629 | 6.6 | 9,400 | 8,704 | 696 | 7.4 | 9,625 | 9,217 | 408 | 4.2 |
| Clay | 5,496 | 5,145 | 351 | 6.4 | 5,368 | 4,985 | 383 | 7.1 | 5,756 | 5,502 | 254 | 4.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,045 | 8,308 | 737 | 8.1 | 8,896 | 8,143 | 753 | 8.5 | 9,220 | 8,815 | 405 | 4.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,129 | 2,901 | 228 | 7.3 | 3,051 | 2,838 | 213 | 7.0 | 3,218 | 3,092 | 126 | 3.9 |
| Columbia | 9,281 | 8,511 | 770 | 8.3 | 9,095 | 8,344 | 751 | 8.3 | 8,969 | 8,534 | 435 | 4.9 |
| Conway | 8,086 | 7,550 | 536 | 6.6 | 7,994 | 7,417 | 577 | 7.2 | 8,351 | 7,988 | 363 | 4.3 |
| Craighead | 56,539 | 52,759 | 3,780 | 6.7 | 55,784 | 51,998 | 3,786 | 6.8 | 55,660 | 54,063 | 1,597 | 2.9 |
| Crawford | 26,314 | 24,645 | 1,669 | 6.3 | 25,836 | 24,111 | 1,725 | 6.7 | 27,006 | 26,047 | 959 | 3.6 |
| Crittenden | 21,440 | 19,100 | 2,340 | 10.9 | 21,064 | 18,748 | 2,316 | 11.0 | 21,685 | 20,740 | 945 | 4.4 |
| Cross | 7,345 | 6,820 | 525 | 7.1 | 7,176 | 6,648 | 528 | 7.4 | 7,573 | 7,263 | 310 | 4.1 |
| Dallas | 2,701 | 2,534 | 167 | 6.2 | 2,654 | 2,478 | 176 | 6.6 | 2,856 | 2,717 | 139 | 4.9 |
| Desha | 5,344 | 4,857 | 487 | 9.1 | 5,196 | 4,714 | 482 | 9.3 | 5,399 | 5,160 | 239 | 4.4 |
| Drew | 7,649 | 7,064 | 585 | 7.6 | 7,474 | 6,883 | 591 | 7.9 | 7,681 | 7,289 | 392 | 5.1 |
| Faulkner | 59,928 | 56,182 | 3,746 | 6.3 | 59,418 | 55,400 | 4,018 | 6.8 | 62,701 | 60,760 | 1,941 | 3.1 |
| Franklin | 7,412 | 6,936 | 476 | 6.4 | 7,277 | 6,772 | 505 | 6.9 | 7,646 | 7,367 | 279 | 3.6 |
| Fulton | 4,984 | 4,713 | 271 | 5.4 | 4,901 | 4,611 | 290 | 5.9 | 4,874 | 4,674 | 200 | 4.1 |
| Garland | 42,512 | 38,178 | 4,334 | 10.2 | 41,629 | 37,626 | 4,003 | 9.6 | 41,798 | 40,210 | 1,588 | 3.8 |
| Grant | 8,037 | 7,544 | 493 | 6.1 | 7,942 | 7,418 | 524 | 6.6 | 8,443 | 8,163 | 280 | 3.3 |
| Greene | 19,874 | 18,567 | 1,307 | 6.6 | 19,567 | 18,169 | 1,398 | 7.1 | 19,960 | 19,249 | 711 | 3.6 |
| Hempstead | 9,621 | 9,045 | 576 | 6.0 | 9,423 | 8,841 | 582 | 6.2 | 9,829 | 9,437 | 392 | 4.0 |
| Hot Spring | 13,872 | 12,862 | 1,010 | 7.3 | 13,624 | 12,637 | 987 | 7.2 | 14,150 | 13,604 | 546 | 3.9 |
| Howard | 5,489 | 5,151 | 338 | 6.2 | 5,353 | 5,017 | 336 | 6.3 | 5,700 | 5,516 | 184 | 3.2 |
| Independence | 16,492 | 15,470 | 1,022 | 6.2 | 16,236 | 15,162 | 1,074 | 6.6 | 16,059 | 15,363 | 696 | 4.3 |
| Izard | 4,846 | 4,404 | 442 | 9.1 | 4,748 | 4,309 | 439 | 9.2 | 4,918 | 4,658 | 260 | 5.3 |
| Jackson | 5,552 | 5,088 | 464 | 8.4 | 5,407 | 4,938 | 469 | 8.7 | 5,860 | 5,496 | 364 | 6.2 |
| Jefferson | 27,192 | 24,422 | 2,770 | 10.2 | 26,761 | 24,085 | 2,676 | 10.0 | 27,737 | 26,183 | 1,554 | 5.6 |
| Johnson | 10,028 | 9,326 | 702 | 7.0 | 9,932 | 9,124 | 808 | 8.1 | 9,909 | 9,418 | 491 | 5.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,472 | 2,244 | 228 | 9.2 | 2,397 | 2,182 | 215 | 9.0 | 2,405 | 2,280 | 125 | 5.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,940 | 6,427 | 513 | 7.4 | 6,771 | 6,269 | 502 | 7.4 | 6,669 | 6,366 | 303 | 4.5 |
| Lee | 2,762 | 2,510 | 252 | 9.1 | 2,667 | 2,422 | 245 | 9.2 | 2,863 | 2,730 | 133 | 4.6 |
| Lincoln | 3,822 | 3,551 | 271 | 7.1 | 3,725 | 3,468 | 257 | 6.9 | 3,957 | 3,779 | 178 | 4.5 |
| Little River | 5,451 | 5,044 | 407 | 7.5 | 5,402 | 4,983 | 419 | 7.8 | 5,506 | 5,263 | 243 | 4.4 |
| Logan | 8,252 | 7,619 | 633 | 7.7 | 8,128 | 7,440 | 688 | 8.5 | 8,672 | 8,269 | 403 | 4.6 |
| Lonoke | 33,254 | 30,986 | 2,268 | 6.8 | 32,786 | 30,468 | 2,318 | 7.1 | 34,586 | 33,481 | 1,105 | 3.2 |
| Madison | 7,338 | 6,988 | 350 | 4.8 | 7,125 | 6,788 | 337 | 4.7 | 7,472 | 7,268 | 204 | 2.7 |
| Marion | 6,552 | 6,112 | 440 | 6.7 | 6,474 | 5,997 | 477 | 7.4 | 6,670 | 6,408 | 262 | 3.9 |
| Miller | 19,638 | 18,141 | 1,497 | 7.6 | 19,509 | 17,913 | 1,596 | 8.2 | 19,696 | 18,888 | 808 | 4.1 |

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**August 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,429 | 15,538 | 1,891 | 10.8 | 17,144 | 15,172 | 1,972 | 11.5 | 17,408 | 16,481 | 927 | 5.3 |
| Monroe | 2,734 | 2,514 | 220 | 8.0 | 2,656 | 2,434 | 222 | 8.4 | 2,759 | 2,649 | 110 | 4.0 |
| Montgomery | 2,920 | 2,683 | 237 | 8.1 | 2,821 | 2,580 | 241 | 8.5 | 2,989 | 2,849 | 140 | 4.7 |
| Nevada | 3,580 | 3,320 | 260 | 7.3 | 3,527 | 3,256 | 271 | 7.7 | 3,610 | 3,465 | 145 | 4.0 |
| Newton | 3,268 | 3,111 | 157 | 4.8 | 3,204 | 3,037 | 167 | 5.2 | 3,282 | 3,173 | 109 | 3.3 |
| Ouachita | 9,552 | 8,912 | 640 | 6.7 | 9,449 | 8,746 | 703 | 7.4 | 9,727 | 9,243 | 484 | 5.0 |
| Perry | 4,077 | 3,822 | 255 | 6.3 | 4,017 | 3,755 | 262 | 6.5 | 4,295 | 4,117 | 178 | 4.1 |
| Phillips | 6,267 | 5,600 | 667 | 10.6 | 6,149 | 5,445 | 704 | 11.4 | 6,282 | 5,893 | 389 | 6.2 |
| Pike | 4,221 | 3,937 | 284 | 6.7 | 4,125 | 3,827 | 298 | 7.2 | 4,232 | 4,062 | 170 | 4.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,362 | 9,697 | 665 | 6.4 | 10,153 | 9,495 | 658 | 6.5 | 10,295 | 9,935 | 360 | 3.5 |
| Polk | 8,002 | 7,397 | 605 | 7.6 | 7,816 | 7,205 | 611 | 7.8 | 8,228 | 7,873 | 355 | 4.3 |
| Pope | 28,538 | 26,676 | 1,862 | 6.5 | 28,147 | 26,157 | 1,990 | 7.1 | 28,329 | 27,016 | 1,313 | 4.6 |
| Prairie | 3,531 | 3,318 | 213 | 6.0 | 3,440 | 3,219 | 221 | 6.4 | 3,620 | 3,484 | 136 | 3.8 |
| Pulaski | 189,415 | 170,285 | 19,130 | 10.1 | 186,082 | 168,084 | 17,998 | 9.7 | 191,039 | 184,361 | 6,678 | 3.5 |
| Randolph | 7,380 | 6,855 | 525 | 7.1 | 7,219 | 6,701 | 518 | 7.2 | 7,307 | 7,032 | 275 | 3.8 |
| St. Francis | 8,138 | 7,380 | 758 | 9.3 | 7,970 | 7,218 | 752 | 9.4 | 8,298 | 7,883 | 415 | 5.0 |
| Saline | 56,757 | 53,249 | 3,508 | 6.2 | 56,316 | 52,557 | 3,759 | 6.7 | 59,380 | 57,636 | 1,744 | 2.9 |
| Scott | 4,282 | 4,063 | 219 | 5.1 | 4,180 | 3,948 | 232 | 5.6 | 4,231 | 4,085 | 146 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 2,848 | 2,650 | 198 | 7.0 | 2,797 | 2,597 | 200 | 7.2 | 3,016 | 2,865 | 151 | 5.0 |
| Sebastian | 55,760 | 51,897 | 3,863 | 6.9 | 54,773 | 50,855 | 3,918 | 7.2 | 56,810 | 54,863 | 1,947 | 3.4 |
| Sevier | 5,433 | 5,070 | 363 | 6.7 | 5,296 | 4,939 | 357 | 6.7 | 5,594 | 5,305 | 289 | 5.2 |
| Sharp | 5,724 | 5,281 | 443 | 7.7 | 5,643 | 5,177 | 466 | 8.3 | 5,530 | 5,246 | 284 | 5.1 |
| Stone | 4,676 | 4,319 | 357 | 7.6 | 4,550 | 4,190 | 360 | 7.9 | 4,794 | 4,604 | 190 | 4.0 |
| Union | 15,641 | 14,087 | 1,554 | 9.9 | 15,373 | 13,816 | 1,557 | 10.1 | 15,785 | 14,938 | 847 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,676 | 5,243 | 433 | 7.6 | 5,581 | 5,141 | 440 | 7.9 | 5,740 | 5,456 | 284 | 4.9 |
| Washington | 124,519 | 117,148 | 7,371 | 5.9 | 122,143 | 115,005 | 7,138 | 5.8 | 125,489 | 122,242 | 3,247 | 2.6 |
| White | 33,179 | 30,817 | 2,362 | 7.1 | 32,737 | 30,273 | 2,464 | 7.5 | 33,680 | 32,281 | 1,399 | 4.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,671 | 2,490 | 181 | 6.8 | 2,593 | 2,404 | 189 | 7.3 | 2,806 | 2,657 | 149 | 5.3 |
| Yell | 8,289 | 7,823 | 466 | 5.6 | 8,091 | 7,613 | 478 | 5.9 | 8,274 | 7,927 | 347 | 4.2 |

### County Labor Force Summary

Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 62 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in ten counties increased, while three counties remained stable over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 4.8 percent in Madison and Newton counties to a high of 12.3 percent in Chicot County.

In August, thirty-seven counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from 48 counties at or above seven percent in July. Monthly jobless rate changes ranged from a drop of one and one-tenth of a percentage point in Johnson County to an increase of six- tenths of a percentage point in Garland County.

Compared to August 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over-the- year gains ranged from as low as one and three-tenths of a percentage point in Dallas and Fulton counties to as high as a six and six-tenths of a percentage point increase in Pulaski County.

### County Unemployment Rates



**Rank County Rate**

1 Madison 4.8

1 Newton 4.8

1. Arkansas 4.9
2. Scott 5.1
3. Fulton 5.4
4. Benton 5.6

6 Calhoun 5.6

6 Yell 5.6

1. Boone 5.8
2. Washington 5.9
3. Hempstead 6.0

11 Prairie 6.0

13 Bradley 6.1

13 Grant 6.1

15 Dallas 6.2

15 Howard 6.2

15 Independence 6.2

15 Saline 6.2

19 Crawford 6.3

19 Faulkner 6.3

19 Perry 6.3

22 Clay 6.4

22 Franklin 6.4

22 Poinsett 6.4

25 Pope 6.5

**Rank County**

26 Baxter

26 Clark

26 Conway

26 Greene

30 Carroll

30 Craighead

30 Marion

30 Ouachita

30 Pike

30 Sevier

36 Lonoke

36 Woodruff

1. Sebastian
2. Johnson

39 Searcy

41 Cross

41 Lincoln

41 Randolph

41 White

45 Cleveland

45 Hot Spring

45 Nevada

1. Lawrence
2. Little River
3. Drew

**Rate**

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.7

6.7

6.7

6.7

6.7

6.7

6.8

6.8

6.9

7.0

7.0

7.1

7.1

7.1

7.1

7.3

7.3

7.3

7.4

7.5

7.6

**Rank County**

50 Miller

50 Polk

50 Stone

50 Van Buren

55 Logan

55 Sharp

1. Monroe
2. Cleburne

58 Montgomery

1. Columbia
2. Jackson
3. Desha

62 Izard

62 Lee

1. Lafayette
2. St. Francis
3. Union
4. Pulaski
5. Garland

69 Jefferson

1. Phillips
2. Ashley
3. Mississippi
4. Crittenden
5. Chicot

**Rate**

7.6

7.6

7.6

7.6

7.7

7.7

8.0

8.1

8.1

8.3

8.4

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9.9

10.1

10.2

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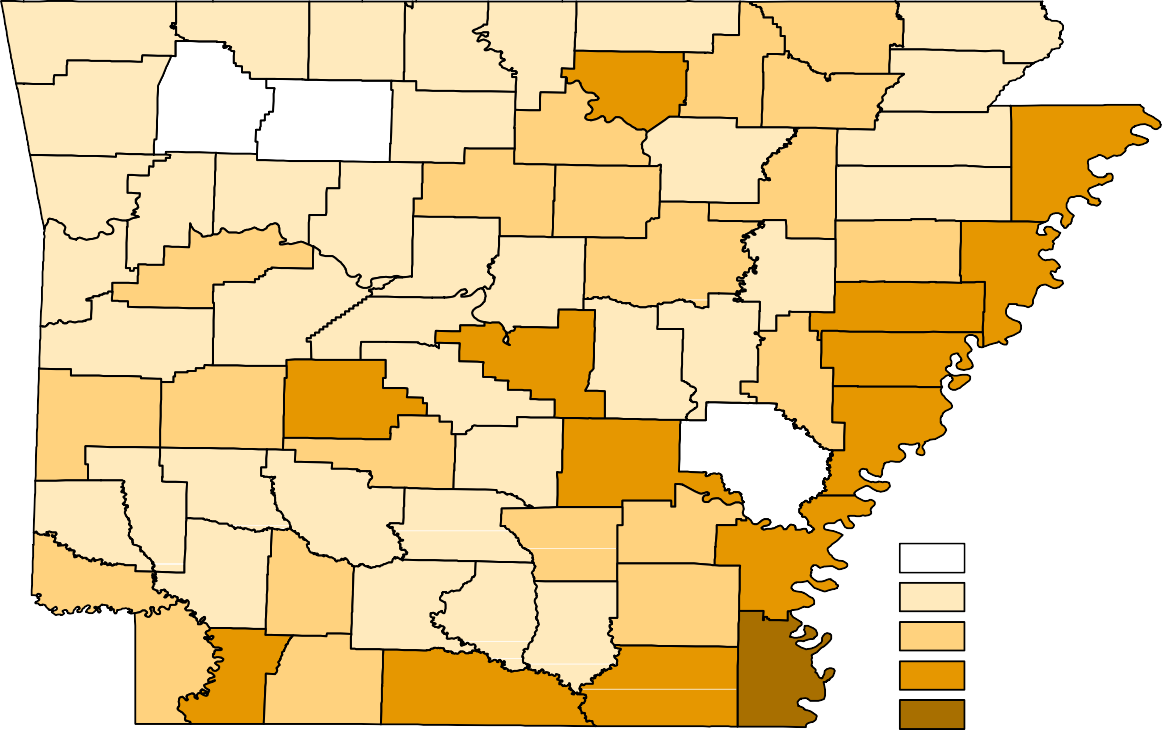
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**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Cross**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**White**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River**

**HempsteadNevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 5.0% 5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

9.1% - 11.0%

> 11.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**August 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

#### LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**LWDA**

**CLF**

**August 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**July 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 247,964 228,877

City of Little Rock 97,655 87,657

Eastern 45,952 41,410

North Central 92,845 86,133

Northeast 124,020 114,988

Northwest 324,998 306,105

Southeast 79,421 72,680

Southwest 91,238 84,305

West Central 132,050 121,735

Western 110,022 102,557

19,087 7.7

9,998 10.2

4,542 9.9

6,712 7.2

9,032 7.3

18,893 5.8

6,741 8.5

6,933 7.6

10,315 7.8

7,465 6.8

244,485 225,638 18,847 7.7

96,213 86,524 9,689 10.1

45,026 40,481 4,545 10.1

91,292 84,348 6,944 7.6

122,006 112,789 9,217 7.6

319,133 300,353 18,780 5.9

77,875 71,168 6,707 8.6

89,803 82,703 7,100 7.9

129,780 119,440 10,340 8.0

108,010 100,331 7,679 7.1

255,816 247,468 8,348 3.3

98,269 94,903 3,366 3.4

46,701 44,509 2,192 4.7

93,481 89,250 4,231 4.5

123,055 118,628 4,427 3.6

328,876 319,594 9,282 2.8

81,343 77,516 3,827 4.7

92,105 87,914 4,191 4.6

131,952 126,408 5,544 4.2

112,593 108,504 4,089 3.6



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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western