

# 2025 Arkansas Labor Market Report

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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 2024 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 1,200 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

##### Civilian Labor Force

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

##### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

##### Unemployment

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

##### Unemployment

##### Rate

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

##### Seasonal

##### Adjustment

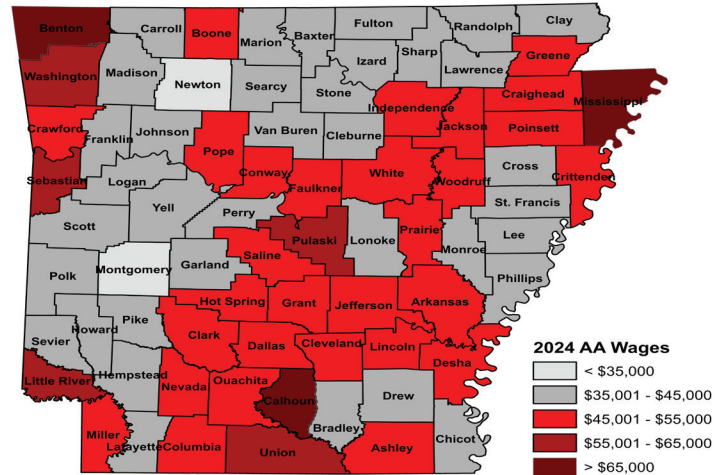
A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

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### July Spotlight Wages by County

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



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

In 2024, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of \$32,388, for those employed in Montgomery County, to a high of \$84,195 in Benton County. Compared to 2023 annual averages, wages are up in 68 of Arkansas' 75 counties.

County	2024 Wages	Change from 2023	County	2024 Wages	Change from 2023	County	2024 Wages	Change from 2023
Arkansas	\$53,217	\$2,486	Garland	\$44,858	\$1,348	Newton	\$33,762	\$769
Ashley	\$51,532	\$1,267	Grant	\$53,227	\$489	Ouachita	\$49,388	\$1,198
Baxter	\$44,797	\$1,468	Greene	\$47,169	\$1,302	Perry	\$43,441	\$3,436
Benton	\$84,195	\$7,259	Hempstead	\$44,705	\$1,170	Phillips	\$41,348	-\$259
Boone	\$47,842	\$1,978	Hot Spring	\$49,645	\$2,467	Pike	\$41,482	-\$210
Bradley	\$44,319	\$876	Howard	\$43,797	\$2,612	Poinsett	\$51,527	\$1,717
Calhoun	\$76,196	\$4,083	Independence	\$49,366	-\$973	Polk	\$39,805	\$188
Carroll	\$39,977	\$1,733	Izard	\$40,400	\$1,332	Pope	\$50,546	\$2,040
Chicot	\$43,254	\$589	Jackson	\$51,727	\$1,503	Prairie	\$45,982	\$3,522
Clark	\$46,003	\$2,855	Jefferson	\$50,943	\$1,094	Pulaski	\$61,092	\$1,767
Clay	\$42,231	-\$304	Johnson	\$41,002	\$1,371	Randolph	\$40,411	-\$443
Cleburne	\$41,473	\$907	Lafayette	\$40,666	\$4,643	St. Francis	\$42,958	\$468
Cleveland	\$46,243	\$389	Lawrence	\$44,154	\$1,911	Saline	\$46,835	\$1,694
Columbia	\$50,425	-\$229	Lee	\$44,619	\$1,991	Scott	\$36,852	\$2,095
Conway	\$51,597	\$3,907	Lincoln	\$46,186	\$934	Searcy	\$35,799	\$992
Craighead	\$51,567	\$956	Little River	\$64,249	\$1,157	Sebastian	\$55,369	\$2,011
Crawford	\$49,242	\$1,572	Logan	\$41,278	\$1,252	Sevier	\$44,142	\$1,566
Crittenden	\$47,909	\$1,859	Lonoke	\$42,992	\$1,349	Sharp	\$38,633	\$848
Cross	\$40,494	\$1,377	Madison	\$44,901	\$599	Stone	\$35,893	-\$39
Dallas	\$46,088	\$2,393	Marion	\$41,426	\$2,007	Union	\$64,110	\$2,366
Desha	\$48,095	\$649	Miller	\$50,835	\$1,835	Van Buren	\$44,869	\$1,707
Drew	\$43,975	\$2,256	Mississippi	\$76,176	\$2,985	Washington	\$58,637	\$3,968
Faulkner	\$49,440	\$1,634	Monroe	\$42,072	\$309	White	\$46,095	\$1,235
Franklin	\$43,119	\$1,030	Montgomery	\$32,388	\$1,341	Woodruff	\$47,828	\$1,657
Fulton	\$42,800	\$1,997	Nevada	\$50,446	\$4,205	Yell	\$40,742	\$1,618



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## State of Arkansas

### Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.7% in July. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.1% in June to 4.2% in July.

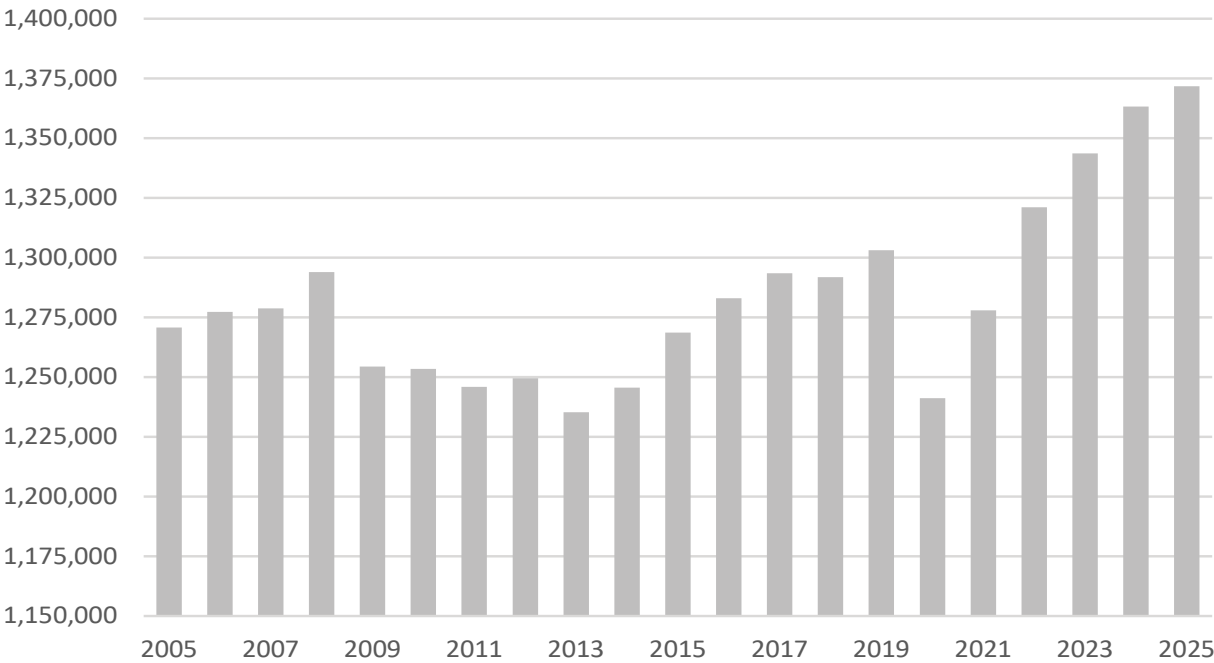
The civilian labor force in Arkansas rose by 903 in July, as employment and unemployment increased slightly. Both employment and the size of the civilian labor force remain at record high levels, while the unemployment rate and the labor force participation rate both held steady between June and July.

Compared to July 2024, Arkansas’ employment is up by 8,555. There are 4,750 more unemployed residents actively seeking work, while the unemployment rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jul 25	Jun 25	Jul 24		Jul 25	Jun 25	Jul 24
Civilian Labor Force	1,424,739	1,423,836	1,411,434	Civilian Labor Force	1,442,142	1,440,610	1,429,837
Employment	1,371,690	1,371,134	1,363,135	Employment	1,380,200	1,380,473	1,372,151
Unemployment	53,049	52,702	48,299	Unemployment	61,942	60,137	57,686
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
LF Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.3%	LF Participation Rate	59.1%	59.1%	59.0%

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)  
July: 2005 - 2025





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## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1374.1	1382.8	1348.0	-8.7	26.1
Goods Producing	235.9	235.1	235.4	0.8	0.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	71.1	70.3	73.0	0.8	-1.9
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.5	40.7	42.4	0.8	-0.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>162.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Durable Goods	78.6	78.8	77.5	-0.2	1.1
Nondurable Goods	86.2	86.0	84.9	0.2	1.3
Service Providing	1138.2	1147.7	1112.6	-9.5	25.6
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>273.3</b>	<b>273.2</b>	<b>268.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Wholesale Trade	54.0	53.9	53.6	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	146.2	146.5	143.1	-0.3	3.1
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	73.1	72.8	72.0	0.3	1.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Finance & Insurance	55.8	55.3	54.3	0.5	1.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.2	15.1	15.7	0.1	-0.5
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>160.4</b>	<b>157.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	53.6	53.1	51.4	0.5	2.2
Management of Companies	41.7	41.4	39.8	0.3	1.9
Administrative & Support Services	65.5	65.9	66.4	-0.4	-0.9
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>220.4</b>	<b>220.4</b>	<b>208.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>
Private Educational Services	17.2	17.9	14.7	-0.7	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	203.2	202.5	193.7	0.7	9.5
Ambulatory Health Care	72.3	71.4	67.6	0.9	4.7
Social Assistance	43.3	43.4	39.1	-0.1	4.2
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15.9	15.8	15.7	0.1	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	121.4	120.6	115.6	0.8	5.8
Accommodation Services	12.0	11.9	11.8	0.1	0.2
Food Services	109.4	108.7	103.8	0.7	5.6
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Government	198.2	209.1	198.1	-10.9	0.1
Federal Government	21.3	21.2	21.9	0.1	-0.6
State Government	71.3	72.8	71.3	-1.5	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	25.3	26.8	25.2	-1.5	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.0	46.0	46.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	105.6	115.1	104.9	-9.5	0.7
Local Gov, Educational Services	58.1	67.7	57.7	-9.6	0.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	47.5	47.4	47.2	0.1	0.3

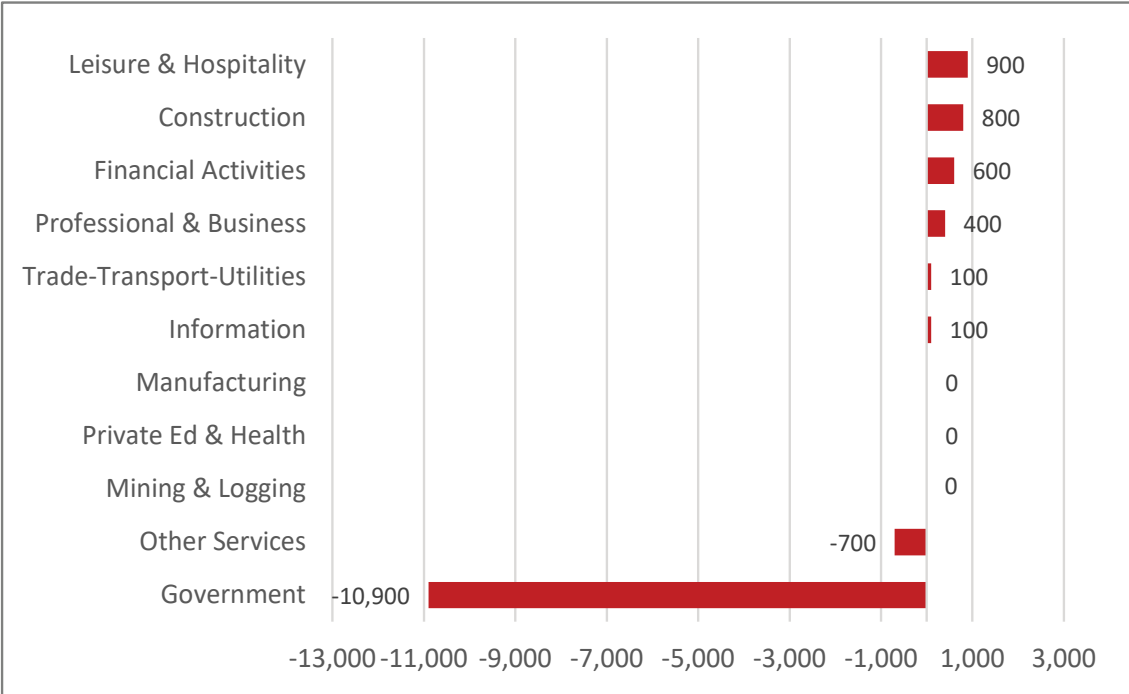


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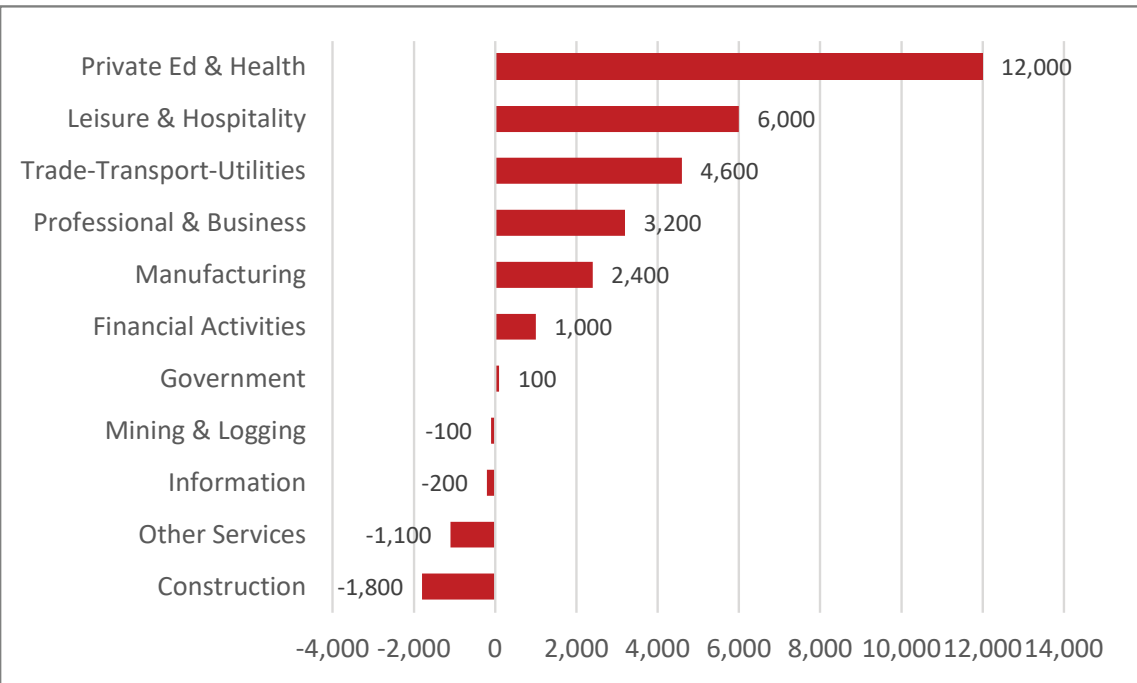
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## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector  
June 2025 - July 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector  
July 2024 - July 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)





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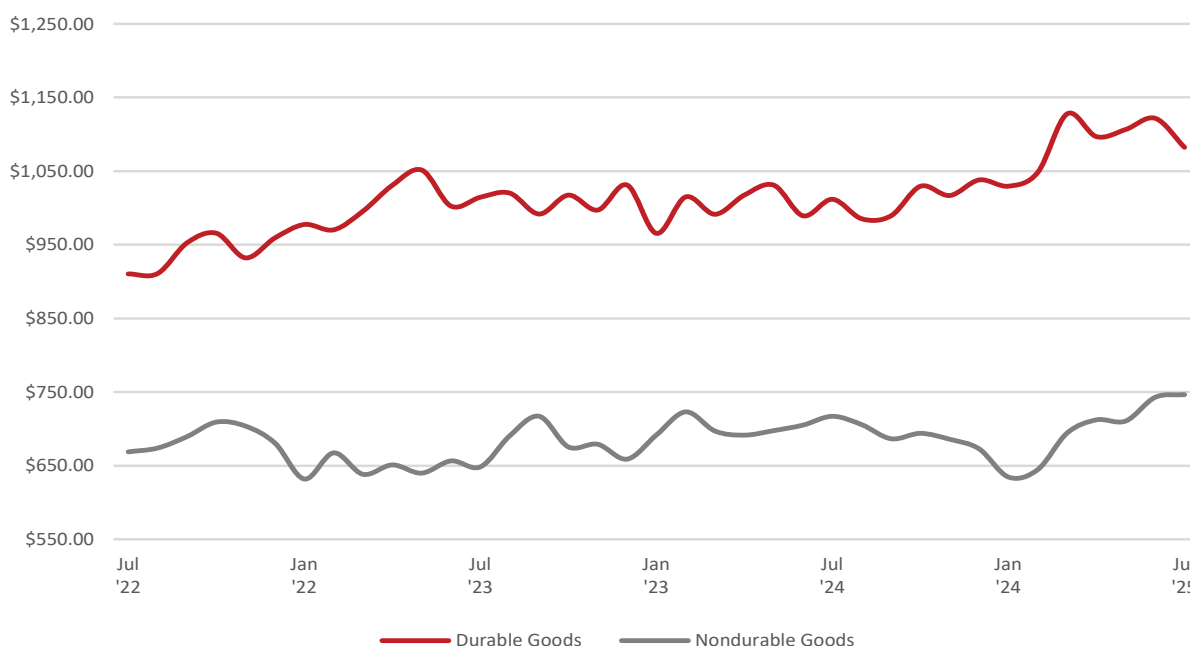
## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings Not Seasonally Adjusted Manufacturing

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.1	38.6	38.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.73	\$23.84	\$22.52
Average Weekly Earnings	\$904.11	\$920.22	\$855.76

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>		<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.3	43.2	40.2	Average Weekly Hours	34.4	34.5	36.1
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.59	\$25.92	\$25.17	Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.70	\$21.53	\$19.86
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,082.46	\$1,119.74	\$1,011.83	Average Weekly Earnings	\$746.48	\$742.79	\$716.95

Average Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods  
July 2022 - July 2025





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	395,784	390,117	390,208	5,667	5,576
Employment	380,038	374,953	375,783	5,085	4,255
Unemployment	15,746	15,164	14,425	582	1,321
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	0.1%	0.3%

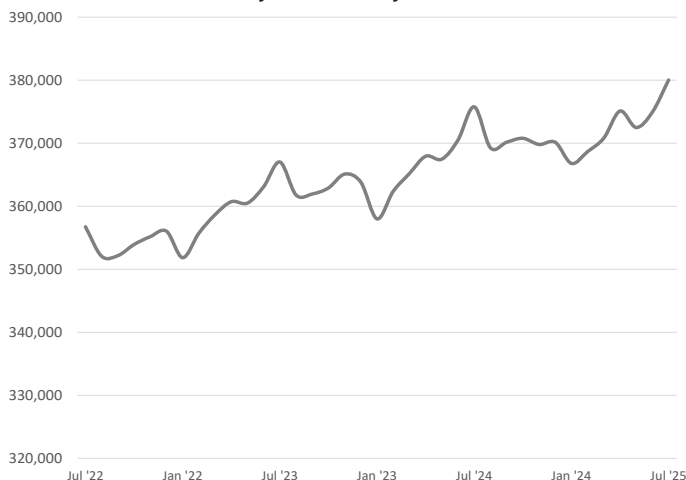
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	401.3	402.9	393.0	-1.6	8.3
Goods Producing	43.1	43.2	43.0	-0.1	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.6	21.5	21.8	0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	21.5	21.7	21.2	-0.2	0.3
Service Providing	358.2	359.7	350.0	-1.5	8.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	80.8	80.5	79.6	0.3	1.2
Wholesale Trade	18.1	17.9	17.9	0.2	0.2
Retail Trade	39.8	39.8	39.4	0.0	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	22.9	22.8	22.3	0.1	0.6
Information	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	28.5	28.3	28.2	0.2	0.3
Professional & Business Services	48.7	48.5	48.8	0.2	-0.1
Private Education & Health Services	69.6	69.8	64.5	-0.2	5.1
Leisure & Hospitality	38.4	38.3	36.3	0.1	2.1
Other Services	18.9	19.0	19.5	-0.1	-0.6
Government	68.3	70.4	68.0	-2.1	0.3
Federal Government	10.6	10.6	10.8	0.0	-0.2
State Government	32.8	33.0	32.7	-0.2	0.1
Local Government	24.9	26.8	24.5	-1.9	0.4

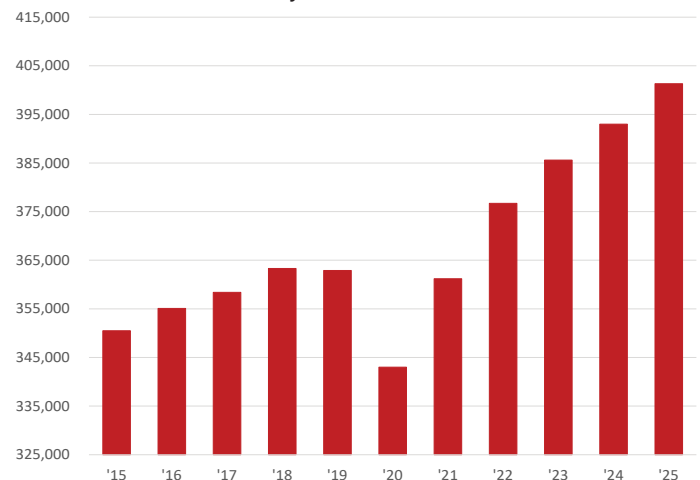
### Employment

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### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2015 - 2025



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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties

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

	Jul 25	Jun 25	Jul 24	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	320,888	317,025	312,366	3,863	8,522
Employment	310,150	306,308	302,566	3,842	7,584
Unemployment	10,738	10,717	9,800	21	938
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.4%	3.1%	-0.1%	0.2%

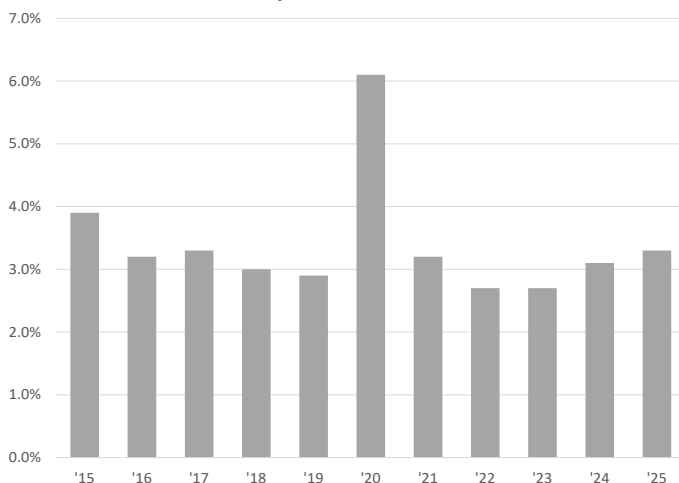
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 25	Jun 25	Jul 24	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	313.1	314.4	302.6	-1.3	10.5
Goods Producing	47.5	47.6	46.0	-0.1	1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	19.0	18.9	18.2	0.1	0.8
Manufacturing	28.5	28.7	27.8	-0.2	0.7
Service Providing	265.6	266.8	256.6	-1.2	9.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.7	62.9	61.4	-0.2	1.3
Wholesale Trade	14.5	14.4	14.1	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	29.4	29.8	28.6	-0.4	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.8	18.7	18.7	0.1	0.1
Information	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	12.3	12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	62.6	62.4	60.6	0.2	2.0
Private Education & Health Services	38.4	38.2	36.1	0.2	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	33.3	32.6	31.2	0.7	2.1
Other Services	13.6	13.7	13.6	-0.1	0.0
Government	40.4	42.4	39.1	-2.0	1.3
Federal Government	3.0	3.0	3.2	0.0	-0.2
State Government	18.9	19.2	17.6	-0.3	1.3
Local Government	18.5	20.2	18.3	-1.7	0.2

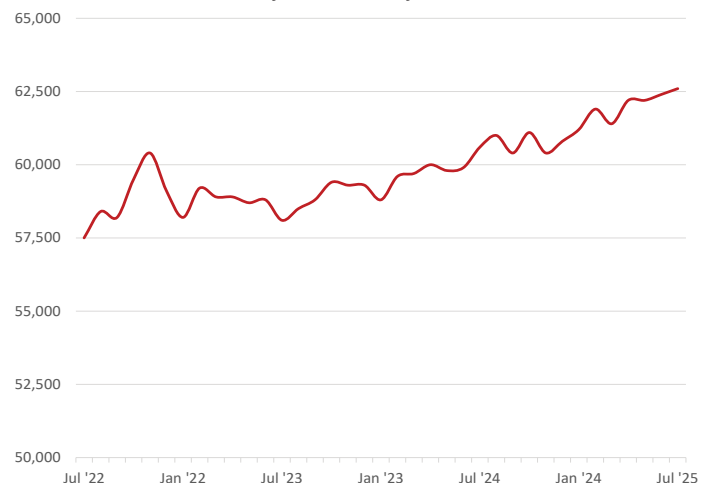
#### Unemployment Rates

July: 2015 - 2025



#### Jobs in Professional & Business Services

July 2022 - July 2025





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas and Sequoyah County in Oklahoma

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

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	103,534	103,489	103,396	45	138
Employment	99,312	99,314	99,390	-2	-78
Unemployment	4,222	4,175	4,006	47	216
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	0.1%	0.2%

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

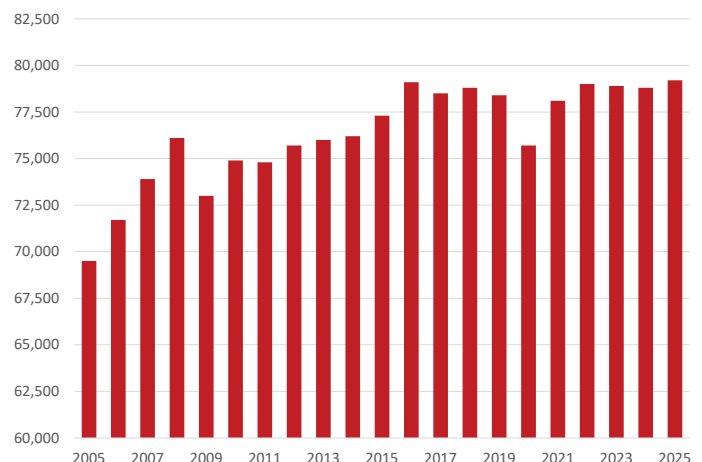
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	102.4	104.3	102.0	-1.9	0.4
Goods Producing	23.2	23.2	23.2	0.0	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.2	5.1	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	18.0	18.0	18.1	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	79.2	81.1	78.8	-1.9	0.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.0	22.1	21.8	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	11.6	11.7	11.4	-0.1	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.9	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.0
Information	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	10.9	10.9	10.6	0.0	0.3
Private Education & Health Services	17.6	17.7	17.3	-0.1	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	9.8	9.5	0.0	0.3
Other Services	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Government	10.4	12.1	10.9	-1.7	-0.5
Federal Government	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.0
State Government	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	7.7	9.5	8.1	-1.8	-0.4

**Employment**  
July 2022 - July 2025



**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**  
July: 2005 - 2025



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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	44,728	44,252	44,860	476	-132
Employment	42,752	42,307	43,034	445	-282
Unemployment	1,976	1,945	1,826	31	150
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%	0.0%	0.3%

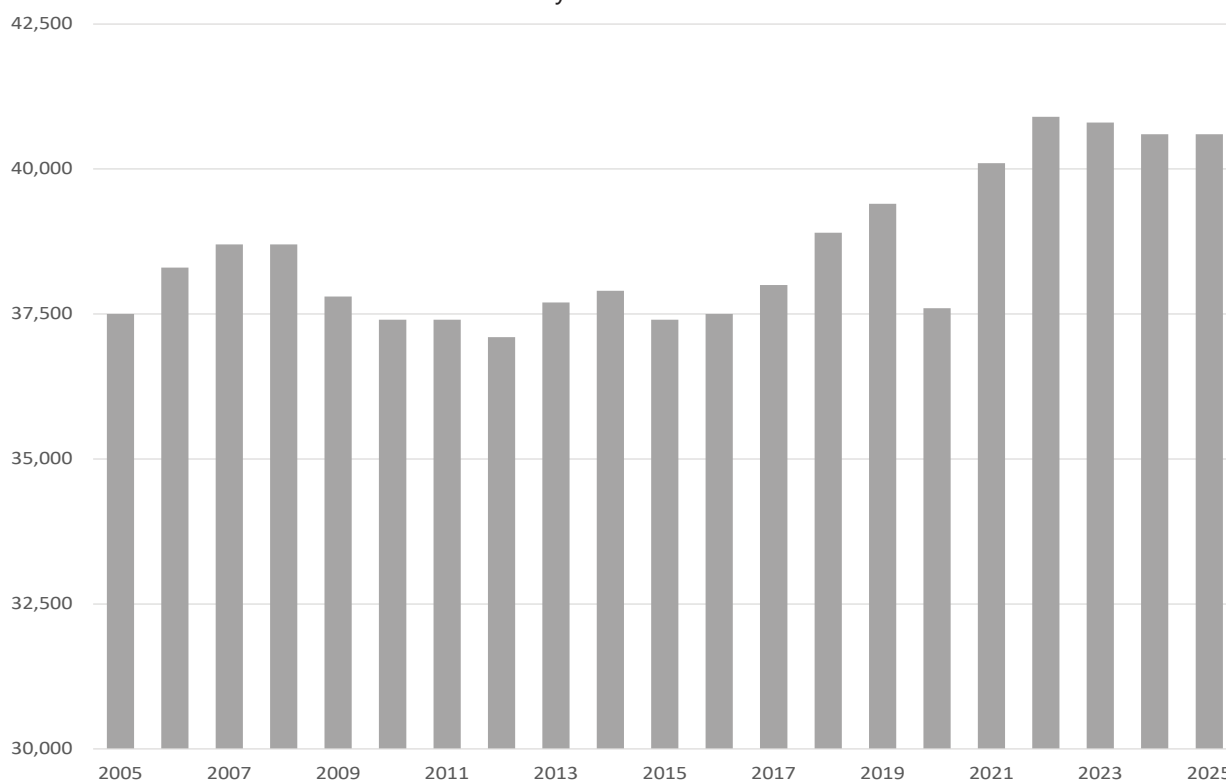
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.6	40.8	40.6	-0.2	0.0
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	35.9	36.2	36.1	-0.3	-0.2
Government	3.8	4.1	3.9	-0.3	-0.1

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2005 - 2025





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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	68,897	67,863	67,801	1,034	1,096
Employment	66,047	65,077	65,269	970	778
Unemployment	2,850	2,786	2,532	64	318
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%	0.0%	0.4%

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.3	65.4	64.2	-0.1	1.1
Goods Producing	11.4	11.4	11.3	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	53.9	54.0	52.9	-0.1	1.0
Government	8.5	8.8	8.6	-0.3	-0.1

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

July 2022 - July 2025



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#### 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 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	638,236	631,754	633,285	6,482	4,951
Employment	603,847	600,649	602,719	3,198	1,128
Unemployment	34,389	31,105	30,566	3,284	3,823
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%	4.8%	0.5%	0.6%

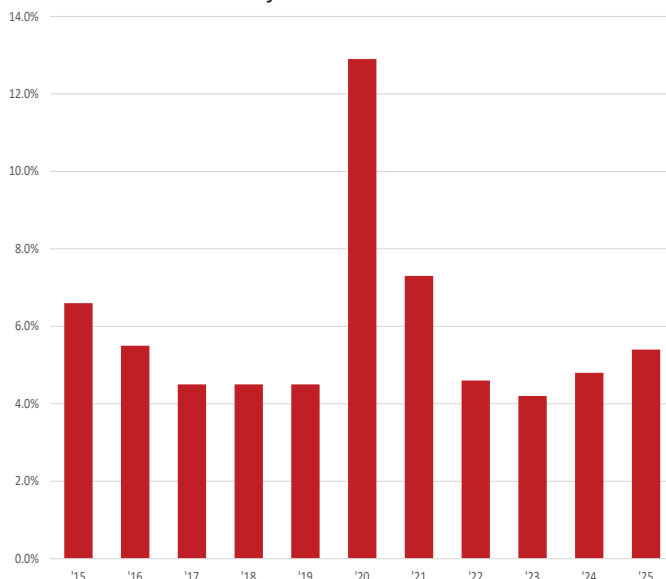
##### Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,318	63,208	62,888	110	430
Employment	60,498	60,518	60,028	-20	470
Unemployment	2,820	2,690	2,860	130	-40
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	0.2%	0.0%

##### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

July: 2015 - 2025



##### Texarkana MSA - Employment

July 2022 - July 2025





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## Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Micro Area	July 2025				June 2025				July 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,593	9,044	549	5.7	9,705	9,167	538	5.5	9,228	8,724	504	5.5
Batesville Micro	18,220	17,520	700	3.8	18,416	17,719	697	3.8	18,032	17,375	657	3.6
Blytheville Micro	21,166	19,902	1,264	6.0	21,046	19,899	1,147	5.4	21,356	20,226	1,130	5.3
Camden Micro	11,006	10,425	581	5.3	11,345	10,805	540	4.8	11,138	10,605	533	4.8
El Dorado Micro	15,198	14,281	917	6.0	15,599	14,734	865	5.5	15,838	14,897	941	5.9
Forrest City Micro	7,742	7,284	458	5.9	7,801	7,363	438	5.6	7,777	7,290	487	6.3
Harrison Micro	18,711	17,803	908	4.9	19,282	18,492	790	4.1	18,760	17,981	779	4.2
Magnolia Micro	8,434	7,949	485	5.8	8,813	8,344	469	5.3	8,677	8,239	438	5.0
Malvern Micro	13,311	12,685	626	4.7	13,332	12,717	615	4.6	13,557	12,927	630	4.6
Mountain Home Micro	16,792	16,016	776	4.6	17,082	16,312	770	4.5	16,834	16,051	783	4.7
Paragould Micro	20,483	19,582	901	4.4	20,561	19,670	891	4.3	20,430	19,583	847	4.1
Pine Bluff Micro	27,479	25,706	1,773	6.5	27,575	25,910	1,665	6.0	27,930	26,284	1,646	5.9
Russellville Micro	36,578	34,694	1,884	5.2	37,409	35,590	1,819	4.9	37,017	35,185	1,832	4.9
Searcy Micro	34,601	33,094	1,507	4.4	35,370	33,865	1,505	4.3	34,181	32,695	1,486	4.3

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  
Magnolia Micro = Columbia County  
Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County  
Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County  
Pine Bluff Micro = Cleveland & Jefferson counties  
Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties  
Searcy Micro = White County

## City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	July 2025				June 2025				July 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	15,217	14,637	580	3.8	15,015	14,454	561	3.7	14,824	14,282	542	3.7
Benton	20,922	20,216	706	3.4	20,640	19,942	698	3.4	20,642	19,983	659	3.2
Bentonville	35,181	34,120	1,061	3.0	34,764	33,693	1,071	3.1	34,292	33,291	1,001	2.9
Blytheville	7,219	6,704	515	7.1	7,180	6,703	477	6.6	7,281	6,814	467	6.4
Cabot	13,998	13,539	459	3.3	13,804	13,345	459	3.3	13,801	13,356	445	3.2
Conway	38,371	36,894	1,477	3.8	37,869	36,405	1,464	3.9	37,796	36,496	1,300	3.4
El Dorado	6,725	6,286	439	6.5	6,910	6,485	425	6.2	6,976	6,557	419	6.0
Fayetteville	58,610	56,397	2,213	3.8	57,939	55,702	2,237	3.9	56,962	55,023	1,939	3.4
Fort Smith	42,382	40,632	1,750	4.1	42,343	40,636	1,707	4.0	42,319	40,687	1,632	3.9
Hot Springs	17,448	16,686	762	4.4	17,263	16,513	750	4.3	17,519	16,796	723	4.1
Jacksonville	13,283	12,621	662	5.0	13,096	12,456	640	4.9	13,112	12,489	623	4.8
Jonesboro	40,866	39,101	1,765	4.3	40,269	38,534	1,735	4.3	40,226	38,665	1,561	3.9
Little Rock	108,484	103,872	4,612	4.3	106,900	102,509	4,391	4.1	107,079	102,781	4,298	4.0
North Little Rock	34,499	32,999	1,500	4.3	33,958	32,566	1,392	4.1	33,968	32,652	1,316	3.9
Paragould	13,339	12,745	594	4.5	13,398	12,803	595	4.4	13,295	12,746	549	4.1
Pine Bluff	15,115	13,979	1,136	7.5	15,105	14,056	1,049	6.9	15,339	14,309	1,030	6.7
Rogers	41,855	40,608	1,247	3.0	41,375	40,100	1,275	3.1	40,766	39,622	1,144	2.8
Russellville	13,178	12,505	673	5.1	13,481	12,816	665	4.9	13,344	12,696	648	4.9
Searcy	10,060	9,571	489	4.9	10,296	9,794	502	4.9	9,954	9,456	498	5.0
Sherwood	17,544	16,859	685	3.9	17,299	16,638	661	3.8	17,291	16,682	609	3.5
Springdale	45,954	44,458	1,496	3.3	45,372	43,909	1,463	3.2	44,757	43,375	1,382	3.1
Texarkana, AR	12,670	12,020	650	5.1	12,542	11,923	619	4.9	12,617	11,987	630	5.0
Van Buren	10,696	10,255	441	4.1	10,687	10,258	429	4.0	10,672	10,273	399	3.7
West Memphis	9,813	9,054	759	7.7	9,633	8,935	698	7.2	9,722	9,081	641	6.6

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County	July 2025				June 2025				July 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	7,552	7,204	348	4.6	7,495	7,154	341	4.5	7,622	7,329	293	3.8
Ashley	6,528	6,095	433	6.6	6,812	6,397	415	6.1	6,428	5,977	451	7.0
Baxter	16,792	16,016	776	4.6	17,082	16,312	770	4.5	16,834	16,051	783	4.7
Benton	170,262	164,769	5,493	3.2	168,237	162,710	5,527	3.3	165,842	160,769	5,073	3.1
Boone	16,110	15,335	775	4.8	16,570	15,904	666	4.0	16,133	15,482	651	4.0
Bradley	3,667	3,419	248	6.8	3,831	3,585	246	6.4	3,745	3,549	196	5.2
Calhoun	2,097	1,998	99	4.7	2,110	2,019	91	4.3	2,046	1,967	79	3.9
Carroll	11,961	11,477	484	4.0	12,222	11,740	482	3.9	12,099	11,623	476	3.9
Chicot	3,263	3,057	206	6.3	3,238	3,036	202	6.2	3,230	3,031	199	6.2
Clark	9,593	9,044	549	5.7	9,705	9,167	538	5.5	9,228	8,724	504	5.5
Clay	6,092	5,820	272	4.5	6,173	5,905	268	4.3	6,195	5,947	248	4.0
Cleburne	10,129	9,632	497	4.9	10,467	9,995	472	4.5	10,259	9,812	447	4.4
Cleveland	2,958	2,813	145	4.9	3,035	2,892	143	4.7	2,986	2,851	135	4.5
Columbia	8,434	7,949	485	5.8	8,813	8,344	469	5.3	8,677	8,239	438	5.0
Conway	9,201	8,797	404	4.4	9,331	8,942	389	4.2	9,184	8,810	374	4.1
Craighead	58,488	56,092	2,396	4.1	57,620	55,279	2,341	4.1	57,553	55,467	2,086	3.6
Crawford	26,368	25,225	1,143	4.3	26,346	25,232	1,114	4.2	26,341	25,270	1,071	4.1
Crittenden	21,342	20,030	1,312	6.1	20,969	19,767	1,202	5.7	21,250	20,089	1,161	5.5
Cross	7,431	7,104	327	4.4	7,534	7,208	326	4.3	7,549	7,234	315	4.2
Dallas	2,745	2,615	130	4.7	2,750	2,628	122	4.4	2,710	2,590	120	4.4
Desha	3,969	3,675	294	7.4	4,031	3,746	285	7.1	4,152	3,819	333	8.0
Drew	7,642	7,240	402	5.3	7,852	7,467	385	4.9	7,670	7,305	365	4.8
Faulkner	68,493	65,887	2,606	3.8	67,548	65,014	2,534	3.8	67,493	65,176	2,317	3.4
Franklin	7,382	7,055	327	4.4	7,531	7,203	328	4.4	7,237	6,945	292	4.0
Fulton	3,909	3,695	214	5.5	4,122	3,911	211	5.1	3,885	3,681	204	5.3
Garland	44,728	42,752	1,976	4.4	44,252	42,307	1,945	4.4	44,860	43,034	1,826	4.1
Grant	9,095	8,780	315	3.5	8,967	8,654	313	3.5	8,959	8,647	312	3.5
Greene	20,483	19,582	901	4.4	20,561	19,670	891	4.3	20,430	19,583	847	4.1
Hempstead	8,561	8,163	398	4.6	8,805	8,429	376	4.3	8,373	7,996	377	4.5
Hot Spring	13,311	12,685	626	4.7	13,332	12,717	615	4.6	13,557	12,927	630	4.6
Howard	4,880	4,630	250	5.1	4,919	4,685	234	4.8	5,079	4,877	202	4.0
Independence	18,220	17,520	700	3.8	18,416	17,719	697	3.8	18,032	17,375	657	3.6
Izard	3,807	3,533	274	7.2	4,045	3,798	247	6.1	4,016	3,733	283	7.0
Jackson	5,679	5,405	274	4.8	5,797	5,529	268	4.6	5,709	5,433	276	4.8
Jefferson	24,521	22,893	1,628	6.6	24,540	23,018	1,522	6.2	24,944	23,433	1,511	6.1
Johnson	9,602	9,037	565	5.9	10,037	9,491	546	5.4	9,889	9,263	626	6.3
Lafayette	2,225	2,093	132	5.9	2,314	2,187	127	5.5	2,319	2,194	125	5.4
Lawrence	6,537	6,237	300	4.6	6,741	6,450	291	4.3	6,465	6,184	281	4.3
Lee	2,383	2,225	158	6.6	2,377	2,230	147	6.2	2,399	2,257	142	5.9
Lincoln	3,289	3,097	192	5.8	3,362	3,170	192	5.7	3,394	3,177	217	6.4
Little River	5,300	5,090	210	4.0	5,252	5,041	211	4.0	5,277	5,063	214	4.1
Logan	8,663	8,267	396	4.6	8,975	8,571	404	4.5	8,667	8,290	377	4.3
Lonoke	38,112	36,750	1,362	3.6	37,573	36,224	1,349	3.6	37,497	36,254	1,243	3.3
Madison	8,658	8,370	288	3.3	8,567	8,277	290	3.4	8,400	8,126	274	3.3
Marion	5,266	4,926	340	6.5	5,448	5,118	330	6.1	5,325	5,016	309	5.8
Miller	17,687	16,773	914	5.2	17,508	16,638	870	5.0	17,574	16,727	847	4.8

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	July 2025				June 2025				July 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	21,166	19,902	1,264	6.0	21,046	19,899	1,147	5.4	21,356	20,226	1,130	5.3
Monroe	2,650	2,495	155	5.8	2,686	2,542	144	5.4	2,709	2,558	151	5.6
Montgomery	3,101	2,940	161	5.2	3,279	3,125	154	4.7	3,081	2,920	161	5.2
Nevada	2,547	2,387	160	6.3	2,614	2,461	153	5.9	2,496	2,335	161	6.5
Newton	2,601	2,468	133	5.1	2,712	2,588	124	4.6	2,627	2,499	128	4.9
Ouachita	8,909	8,427	482	5.4	9,235	8,786	449	4.9	9,092	8,638	454	5.0
Perry	4,471	4,260	211	4.7	4,397	4,197	200	4.5	4,382	4,190	192	4.4
Phillips	4,632	4,262	370	8.0	4,812	4,475	337	7.0	4,820	4,486	334	6.9
Pike	4,208	4,026	182	4.3	4,465	4,278	187	4.2	4,197	4,012	185	4.4
Poinsett	10,409	9,955	454	4.4	10,243	9,798	445	4.3	10,248	9,802	446	4.4
Polk	7,229	6,884	345	4.8	7,481	7,145	336	4.5	7,341	6,957	384	5.2
Pope	27,386	25,910	1,476	5.4	27,982	26,554	1,428	5.1	27,743	26,305	1,438	5.2
Prairie	3,508	3,363	145	4.1	3,613	3,464	149	4.1	3,603	3,481	122	3.4
Pulaski	207,119	198,247	8,872	4.3	204,071	195,646	8,425	4.1	204,322	196,165	8,157	4.0
Randolph	7,934	7,579	355	4.5	8,068	7,731	337	4.2	7,739	7,386	353	4.6
St. Francis	7,742	7,284	458	5.9	7,801	7,363	438	5.6	7,777	7,290	487	6.3
Saline	68,494	66,114	2,380	3.5	67,561	65,218	2,343	3.5	67,555	65,351	2,204	3.3
Scott	4,048	3,876	172	4.2	4,122	3,955	167	4.1	4,200	4,039	161	3.8
Searcy	3,036	2,897	139	4.6	3,292	3,153	139	4.2	3,074	2,932	142	4.6
Sebastian	60,097	57,663	2,434	4.1	60,065	57,669	2,396	4.0	60,006	57,741	2,265	3.8
Sevier	7,076	6,813	263	3.7	7,179	6,915	264	3.7	7,056	6,807	249	3.5
Sharp	6,536	6,220	316	4.8	6,787	6,473	314	4.6	6,463	6,164	299	4.6
Stone	4,143	3,902	241	5.8	4,208	3,967	241	5.7	4,264	4,044	220	5.2
Union	15,198	14,281	917	6.0	15,599	14,734	865	5.5	15,838	14,897	941	5.9
Van Buren	5,902	5,594	308	5.2	6,114	5,801	313	5.1	5,932	5,643	289	4.9
Washington	141,968	137,011	4,957	3.5	140,221	135,321	4,900	3.5	138,124	133,671	4,453	3.2
White	34,601	33,094	1,507	4.4	35,370	33,865	1,505	4.3	34,181	32,695	1,486	4.3
Woodruff	2,822	2,710	112	4.0	2,952	2,839	113	3.8	2,824	2,713	111	3.9
Yell	9,192	8,784	408	4.4	9,427	9,036	391	4.1	9,274	8,880	394	4.2

## County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 61 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in twelve counties were unchanged over the month, while two counties-- Benton County and Madison County-- posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.2% in Benton County to a high of 8.0% in Phillips County.

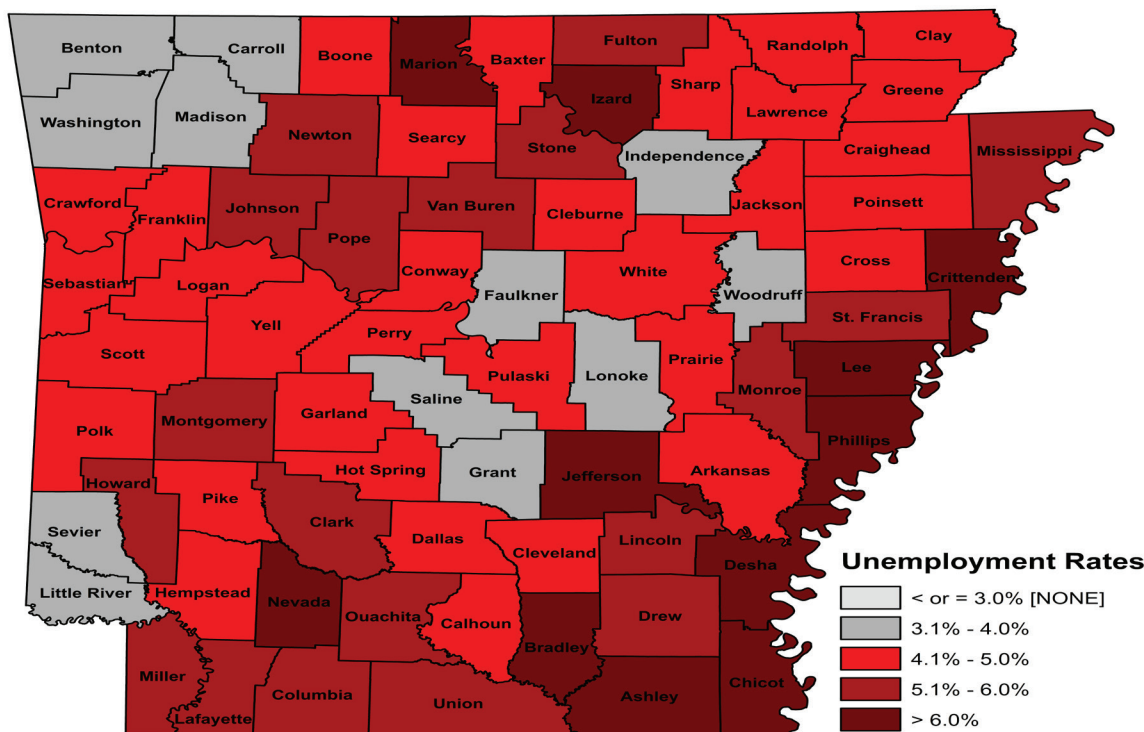
In July, no county in Arkansas had an unemployment rate below 3%. Three counties posted rates at or above 7%, up from two counties at or above seven percent in June.

Compared to July 2024, jobless rates are up in 58 Arkansas counties. Rates in eleven counties are down over the year, while six counties remained stable. The largest annual jobless rate increase occurred in Bradley County, up one and six-tenths of a percentage point. The greatest declines were in Desha and Lincoln counties, both down six-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

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## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.2	20	White	4.4	51	Drew	5.3
2	Madison	3.3	20	Yell	4.4	52	Ouachita	5.4
3	Grant	3.5	28	Clay	4.5	52	Pope	5.4
3	Saline	3.5	28	Randolph	4.5	54	Fulton	5.5
3	Washington	3.5	30	Arkansas	4.6	55	Clark	5.7
6	Lonoke	3.6	30	Baxter	4.6	56	Columbia	5.8
7	Sevier	3.7	30	Hempstead	4.6	56	Lincoln	5.8
8	Faulkner	3.8	30	Lawrence	4.6	56	Monroe	5.8
8	Independence	3.8	30	Logan	4.6	56	Stone	5.8
10	Carroll	4.0	30	Searcy	4.6	60	Johnson	5.9
10	Little River	4.0	36	Calhoun	4.7	60	Lafayette	5.9
10	Woodruff	4.0	36	Dallas	4.7	60	St. Francis	5.9
13	Craighead	4.1	36	Hot Spring	4.7	63	Mississippi	6.0
13	Prairie	4.1	36	Perry	4.7	63	Union	6.0
13	Sebastian	4.1	40	Boone	4.8	65	Crittenden	6.1
16	Scott	4.2	40	Jackson	4.8	66	Chicot	6.3
17	Crawford	4.3	40	Polk	4.8	66	Nevada	6.3
17	Pike	4.3	40	Sharp	4.8	68	Marion	6.5
17	Pulaski	4.3	44	Cleburne	4.9	69	Ashley	6.6
20	Conway	4.4	44	Cleveland	4.9	69	Jefferson	6.6
20	Cross	4.4	46	Howard	5.1	69	Lee	6.6
20	Franklin	4.4	46	Newton	5.1	72	Bradley	6.8
20	Garland	4.4	48	Miller	5.2	73	Izard	7.2
20	Greene	4.4	48	Montgomery	5.2	74	Desha	7.4
20	Poinsett	4.4	48	Van Buren	5.2	75	Phillips	8.0

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July

## Local Workforce Development Areas

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2025				June 2025				July 2024			
<u>LWDA</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Central (minus LR)	279,892	268,984	10,908	3.9	276,152	265,599	10,553	3.8	276,100	266,204	9,896	3.6
City of Little Rock	108,484	103,872	4,612	4.3	106,900	102,509	4,391	4.1	107,079	102,781	4,298	4.0
Eastern	43,530	40,905	2,625	6.0	43,493	41,043	2,450	5.6	43,795	41,356	2,439	5.6
North Central	95,748	91,305	4,443	4.6	98,278	93,897	4,381	4.5	95,565	91,293	4,272	4.5
Northeast	131,109	125,167	5,942	4.5	130,452	124,732	5,720	4.4	129,986	124,595	5,391	4.1
Northwest	376,654	363,269	13,385	3.6	374,351	361,123	13,228	3.5	368,458	356,169	12,289	3.3
Southeast	72,484	68,273	4,211	5.8	73,163	69,119	4,044	5.5	73,130	69,118	4,012	5.5
Southwest	85,659	81,219	4,440	5.2	87,098	82,867	4,231	4.9	86,537	82,330	4,207	4.9
West Central	134,793	128,235	6,558	4.9	136,207	129,814	6,393	4.7	135,395	129,065	6,330	4.7
Western	113,787	108,970	4,817	4.2	114,520	109,775	4,745	4.1	113,792	109,242	4,550	4.0

