

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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June Spotlight Business Employment Dynamics

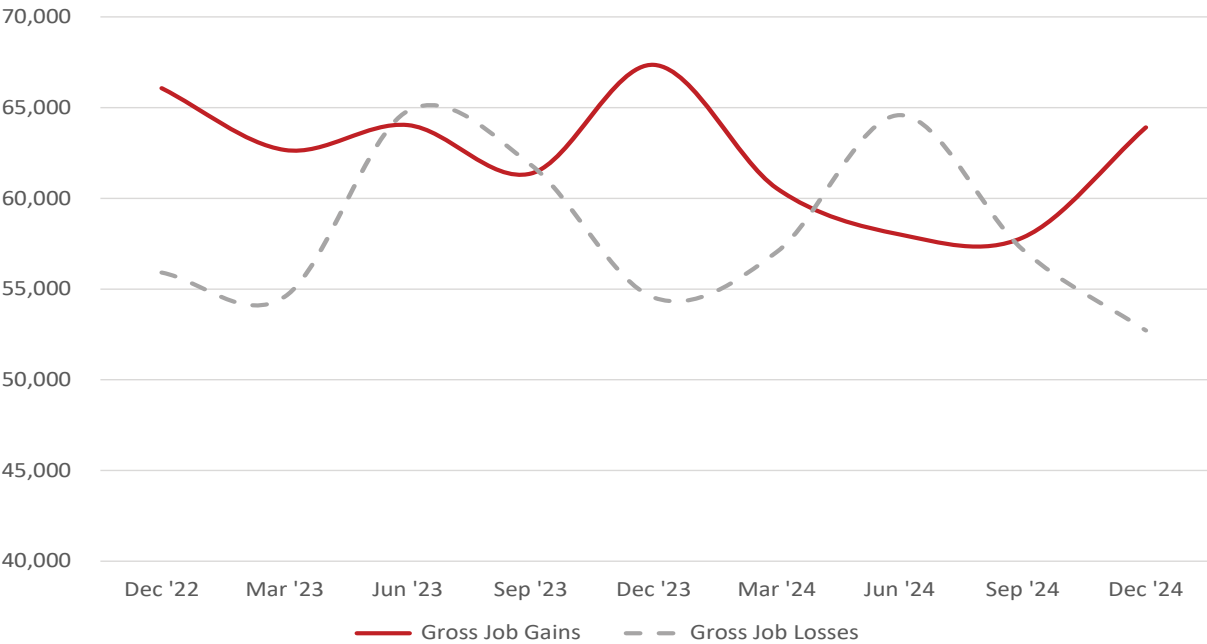
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)					
State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)					
Quarter Ending					
Category	Dec 23	Mar 24	Jun 24	Sep 24	Dec 24*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	67,364	60,550	58,006	57,836	63,913
Gross job losses....	54,535	57,049	64,586	57,171	52,171
Net Change.....	12,829	3,501	-6,580	665	11,190

*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2024

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
4th Quarter 2022 - 4th Quarter 2024



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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% between May and June. The United States’ jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.2% in May to 4.1% in June.

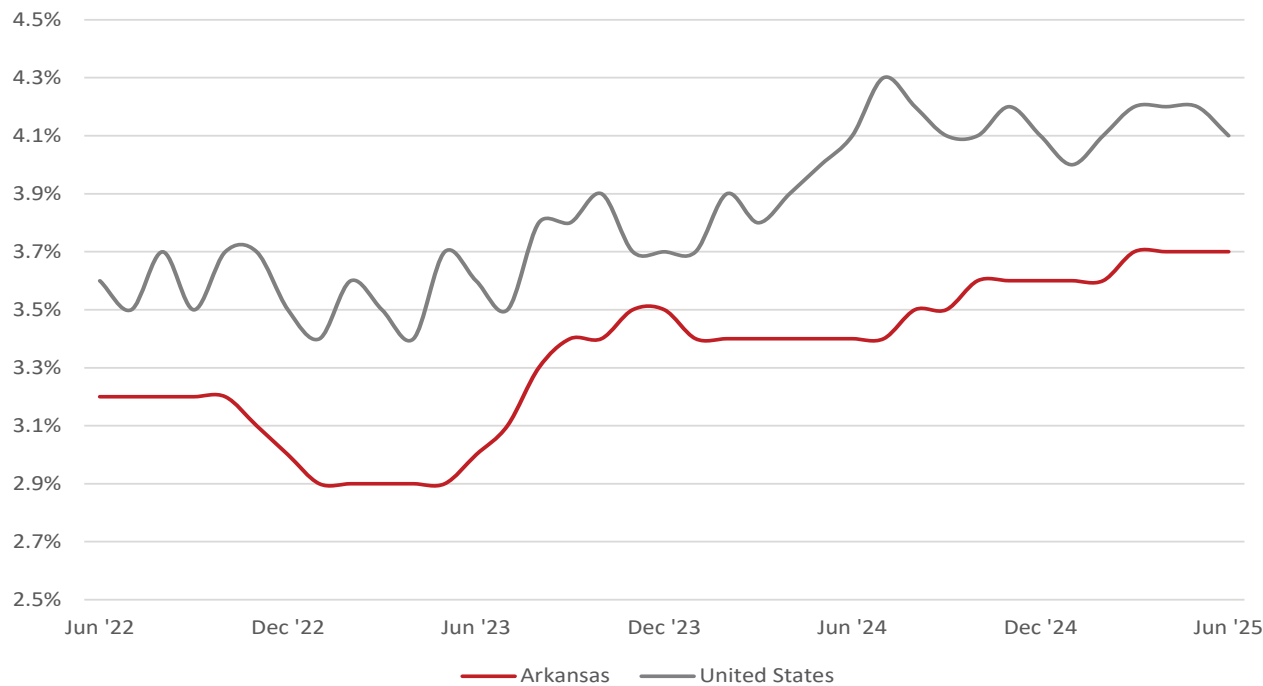
Arkansas’ civilian labor force and employment both increased slightly in June to remain at record high levels. The number of unemployed Arkansans actively seeking work increased 419. The State’s unemployment rate remained at 3.7% for a fourth consecutive month.

Compared to June 2024, employment in Arkansas is up 10,049. There are 4,886 more unemployed Arkansans and the unemployment rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point. The growth in the size of the civilian labor force pushed the labor force participation rate up by two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jun 25	May 25	Jun 24		Jun 25	May 25	Jun 24
Civilian Labor Force	1,423,885	1,423,345	1,408,950	Civilian Labor Force	1,440,879	1,424,760	1,425,833
Employment	1,371,204	1,371,083	1,361,155	Employment	1,380,851	1,375,271	1,371,918
Unemployment	52,681	52,262	47,795	Unemployment	60,028	49,489	53,915
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.5%	3.8%
LF Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.2%	LF Participation Rate	59.1%	58.4%	58.9%

Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)
June 2022 - June 2025



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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1384.8	1388.4	1359.9	-3.6	24.9
Goods Producing	236.5	234.6	235.6	1.9	0.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	71.7	71.1	73.3	0.6	-1.6
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.2	5.3	0.0	-0.1
Construction	66.5	65.9	68.0	0.6	-1.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.4	41.3	42.3	0.1	-0.9
Manufacturing	164.8	163.5	162.3	1.3	2.5
Durable Goods	78.9	78.0	77.5	0.9	1.4
Nondurable Goods	85.9	85.5	84.8	0.4	1.1
Service Providing	1148.3	1153.8	1124.3	-5.5	24.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.3	272.5	268.1	0.8	5.2
Wholesale Trade	54.0	53.0	53.5	1.0	0.5
Retail Trade	146.6	146.5	142.9	0.1	3.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.7	73.0	71.7	-0.3	1.0
Information	11.9	11.8	12.2	0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	70.2	70.5	69.5	-0.3	0.7
Finance & Insurance	55.1	55.3	54.1	-0.2	1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.1	15.2	15.4	-0.1	-0.3
Professional & Business Services	160.3	161.0	158.2	-0.7	2.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	53.2	52.9	51.0	0.3	2.2
Management of Companies	41.4	41.2	39.8	0.2	1.6
Administrative & Support Services	65.7	66.9	67.4	-1.2	-1.7
Private Education & Health Services	221.3	221.5	209.1	-0.2	12.2
Private Educational Services	18.3	19.5	15.8	-1.2	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	203.0	202.0	193.3	1.0	9.7
Ambulatory Health Care	71.4	70.6	67.1	0.8	4.3
Social Assistance	43.6	43.2	39.9	0.4	3.7
Leisure & Hospitality	136.2	134.7	131.8	1.5	4.4
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15.6	14.9	15.6	0.7	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	120.6	119.8	116.2	0.8	4.4
Accommodation Services	11.9	11.6	11.8	0.3	0.1
Food Services	108.7	108.2	104.4	0.5	4.3
Other Services	66.0	65.5	66.4	0.5	-0.4
Government	209.1	216.3	209.0	-7.2	0.1
Federal Government	21.2	21.4	21.9	-0.2	-0.7
State Government	72.8	77.7	72.8	-4.9	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	26.8	31.7	26.7	-4.9	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.0	46.0	46.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	115.1	117.2	114.3	-2.1	0.8
Local Gov, Educational Services	67.7	71.1	67.2	-3.4	0.5
Local Gov, Excluding Education	47.4	46.1	47.1	1.3	0.3

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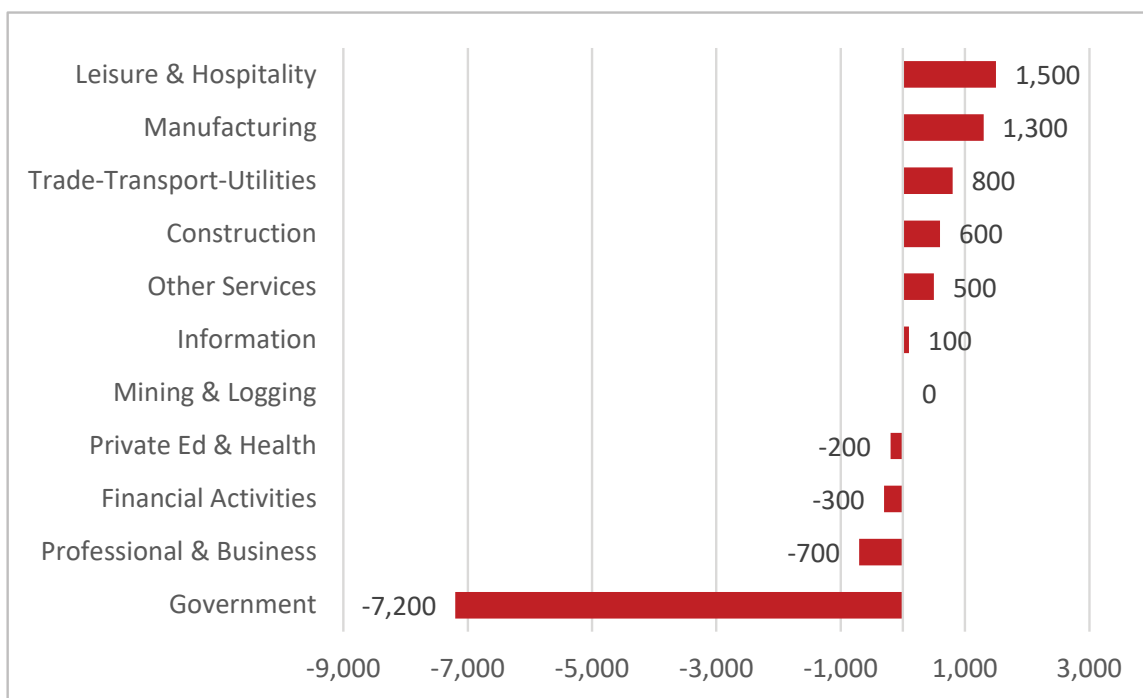
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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

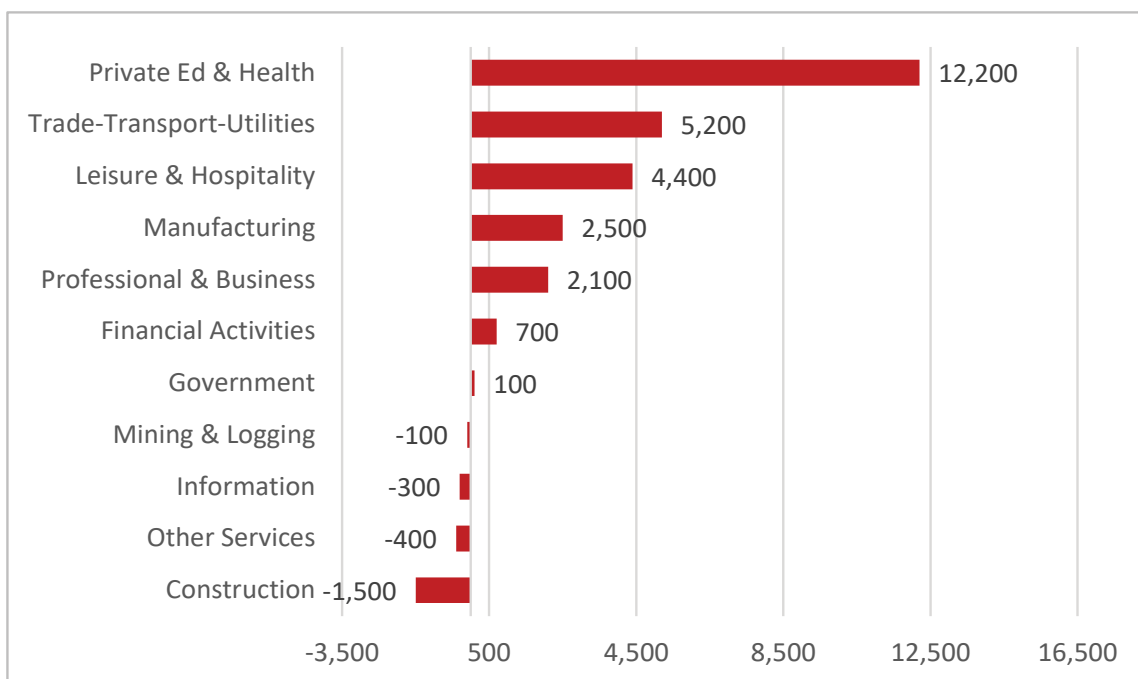
Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

May 2025 - June 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

June 2024 - June 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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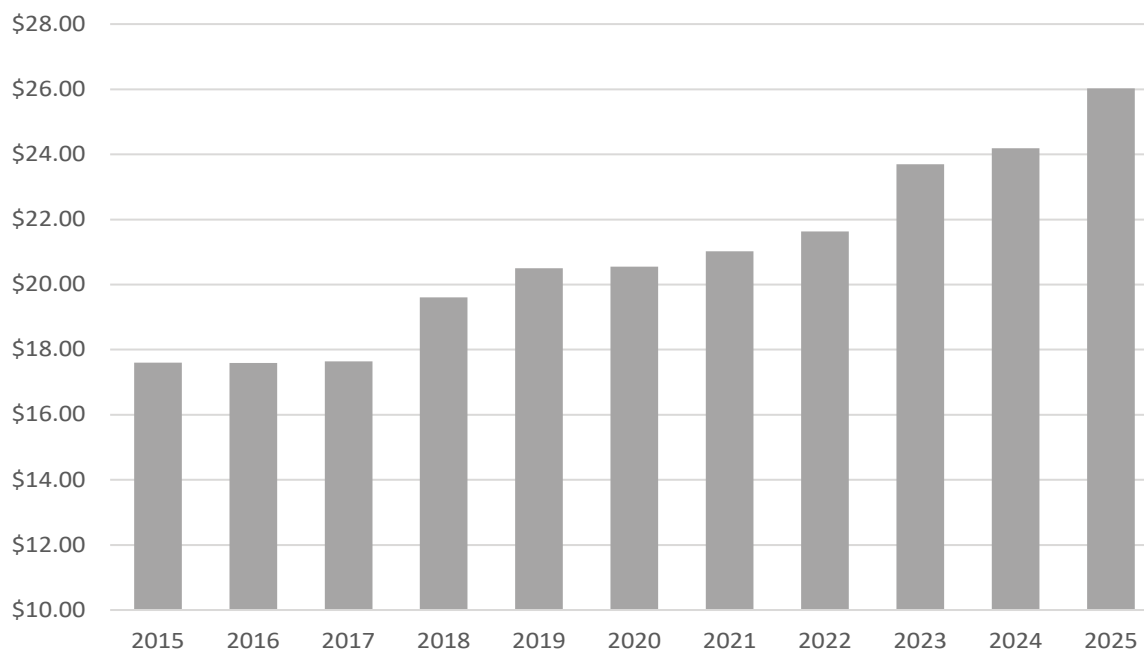
State of Arkansas
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings
Not Seasonally Adjusted
Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.6	37.6	38.7
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.90	\$23.83	\$21.70
Average Weekly Earnings	\$922.54	\$896.01	\$839.79

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>		<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	43.1	42.5	40.9	Average Weekly Hours	34.5	33.3	36.7
Average Hourly Earnings	\$26.03	\$26.04	\$24.19	Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.53	\$21.34	\$19.21
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,121.89	\$1,106.70	\$989.37	Average Weekly Earnings	\$742.79	\$710.62	\$705.01

Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods Manufacturing
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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	389,876	385,178	384,084	4,698	5,792
Employment	374,742	372,497	370,526	2,245	4,216
Unemployment	15,134	12,681	13,558	2,453	1,576
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.3%	3.5%	0.6%	0.4%

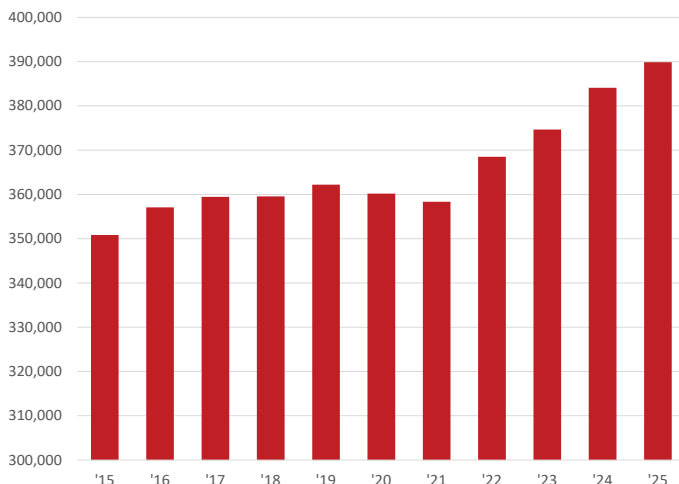
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	403.0	402.1	395.6	0.9	7.4
Goods Producing	43.1	42.8	42.7	0.3	0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.5	21.4	21.8	0.1	-0.3
Manufacturing	21.6	21.4	20.9	0.2	0.7
Service Providing	359.9	359.3	352.9	0.6	7.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	80.5	80.3	79.2	0.2	1.3
Wholesale Trade	17.9	17.6	17.9	0.3	0.0
Retail Trade	39.9	39.9	39.1	0.0	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	22.7	22.8	22.2	-0.1	0.5
Information	5.0	4.9	5.2	0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	28.3	28.4	28.0	-0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	48.3	49.1	49.1	-0.8	-0.8
Private Education & Health Services	70.0	69.6	65.1	0.4	4.9
Leisure & Hospitality	38.4	36.9	36.8	1.5	1.6
Other Services	19.0	18.9	19.5	0.1	-0.5
Government	70.4	71.2	70.0	-0.8	0.4
Federal Government	10.6	10.7	10.8	-0.1	-0.2
State Government	33.0	33.9	32.9	-0.9	0.1
Local Government	26.8	26.6	26.3	0.2	0.5

Civilian Labor Force

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Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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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)

	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	316,884	314,710	306,813	2,174	10,071
Employment	306,181	306,078	297,571	103	8,610
Unemployment	10,703	8,632	9,242	2,071	1,461
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.7%	3.0%	0.7%	0.4%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	314.6	316.9	303.5	-2.3	11.1
Goods Producing	47.6	47.1	45.9	0.5	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.9	18.6	18.0	0.3	0.9
Manufacturing	28.7	28.5	27.9	0.2	0.8
Service Providing	267.0	269.8	257.6	-2.8	9.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	63.0	62.7	61.3	0.3	1.7
Wholesale Trade	14.4	14.2	14.1	0.2	0.3
Retail Trade	29.9	29.8	28.6	0.1	1.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.7	18.7	18.6	0.0	0.1
Information	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	12.2	12.3	12.1	-0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	62.5	62.2	59.9	0.3	2.6
Private Education & Health Services	38.3	38.5	36.1	-0.2	2.2
Leisure & Hospitality	32.6	32.4	31.2	0.2	1.4
Other Services	13.7	13.6	13.6	0.1	0.1
Government	42.4	45.8	41.1	-3.4	1.3
Federal Government	3.0	3.0	3.2	0.0	-0.2
State Government	19.2	22.7	17.9	-3.5	1.3
Local Government	20.2	20.1	20.0	0.1	0.2

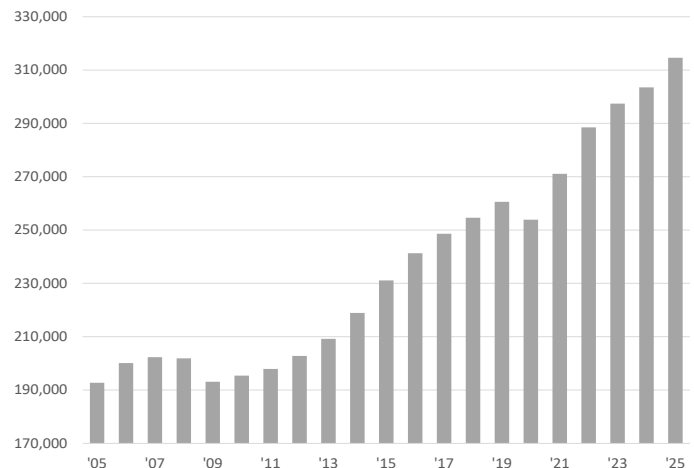
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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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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>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	103,388	102,356	102,372	1,032	1,016
Employment	99,222	98,845	98,510	377	712
Unemployment	4,166	3,511	3,862	655	304
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.4%	3.8%	0.6%	0.2%

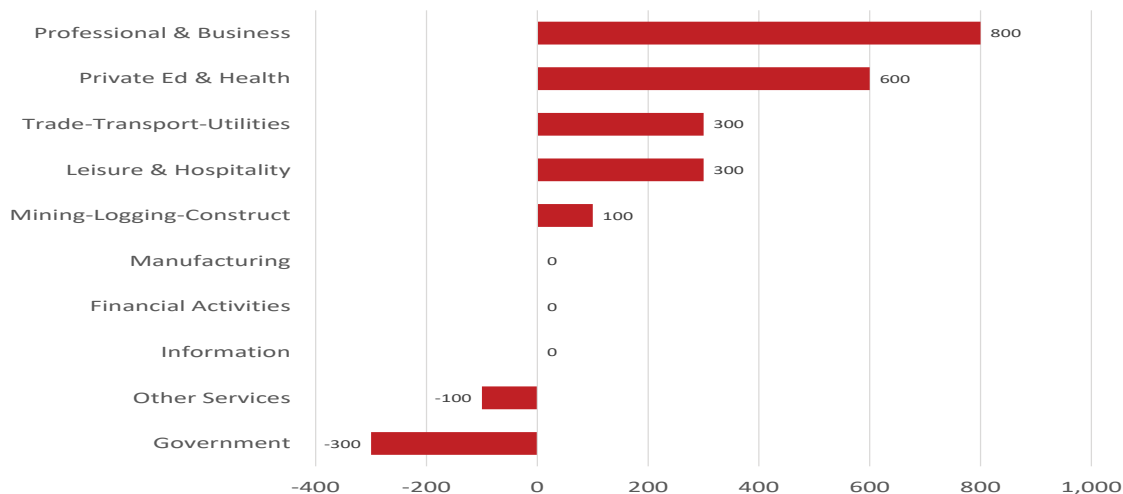
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	104.4	104.5	102.7	-0.1	1.7
Goods Producing	23.2	22.9	23.1	0.3	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.1	5.1	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	18.0	17.8	18.0	0.2	0.0
Service Providing	81.2	81.6	79.6	-0.4	1.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.1	21.9	21.8	0.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.4	4.4	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.6	11.4	0.1	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	10.9	11.1	10.1	-0.2	0.8
Private Education & Health Services	17.8	17.8	17.2	0.0	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	9.6	9.5	0.2	0.3
Other Services	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Government	12.1	12.7	12.4	-0.6	-0.3
Federal Government	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
State Government	1.5	1.7	1.6	-0.2	-0.1
Local Government	9.5	9.9	9.6	-0.4	-0.1

Annual Job Change by Major Industry Sector

June 2024 vs June 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>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	44,239	43,573	44,070	666	169
Employment	42,302	41,996	42,296	306	6
Unemployment	1,937	1,577	1,774	360	163
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	3.6%	4.0%	0.8%	0.4%

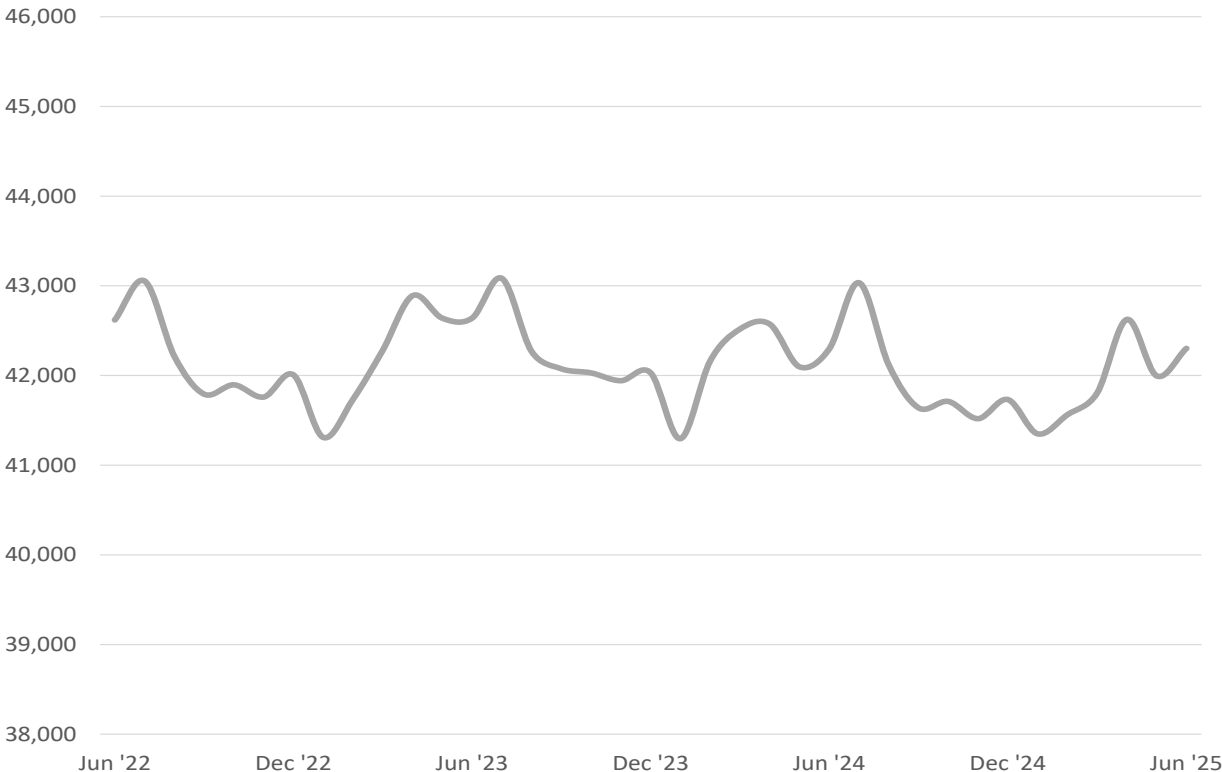
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.0	40.9	40.7	0.1	0.3
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	36.3	36.3	36.2	0.0	0.1
Government	4.1	4.3	4.2	-0.2	-0.1

Employment

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,931	67,038	66,980	893	951
Employment	65,148	64,785	64,626	363	522
Unemployment	2,783	2,253	2,354	530	429
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.4%	3.5%	0.7%	0.6%

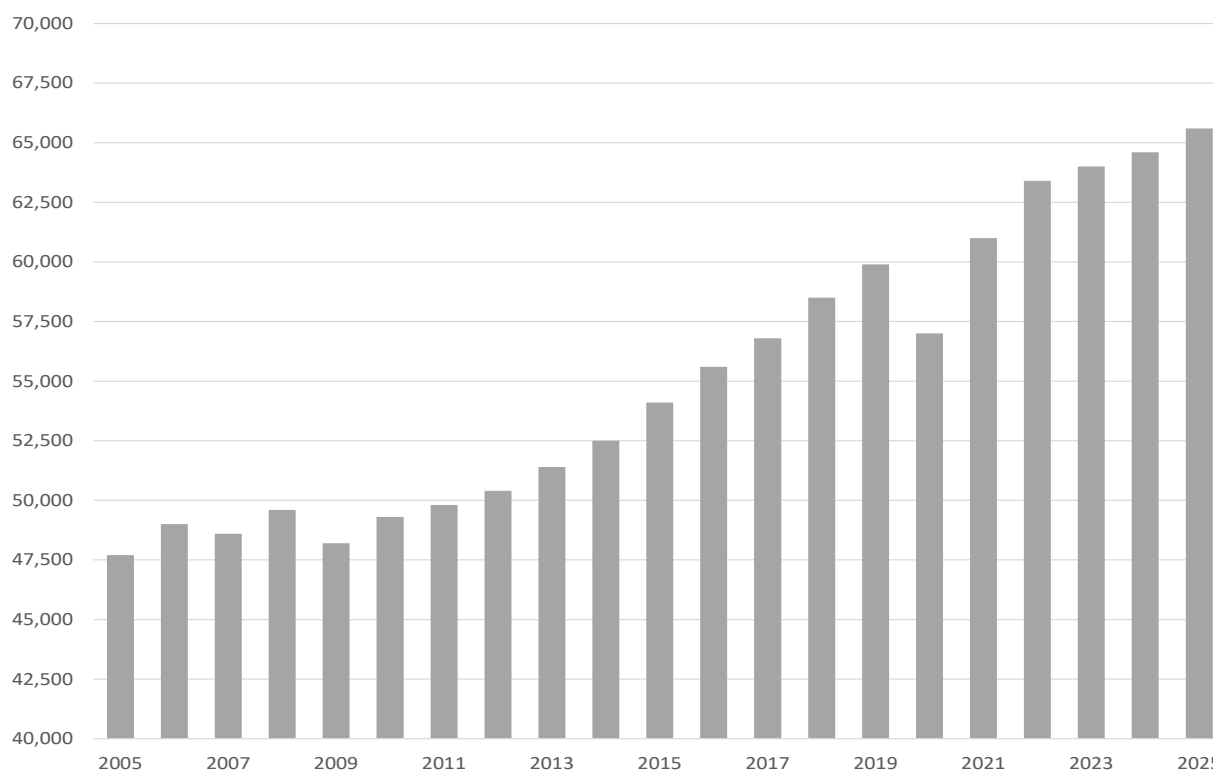
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.6	65.8	64.6	-0.2	1.0
Goods Producing	11.5	11.4	11.3	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	54.1	54.4	53.3	-0.3	0.8
Government	8.8	9.1	8.9	-0.3	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	632,288	631,206	627,046	1,082	5,242
Employment	601,098	605,837	597,736	-4,739	3,362
Unemployment	31,190	25,369	29,310	5,821	1,880
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.0%	4.7%	0.9%	0.2%

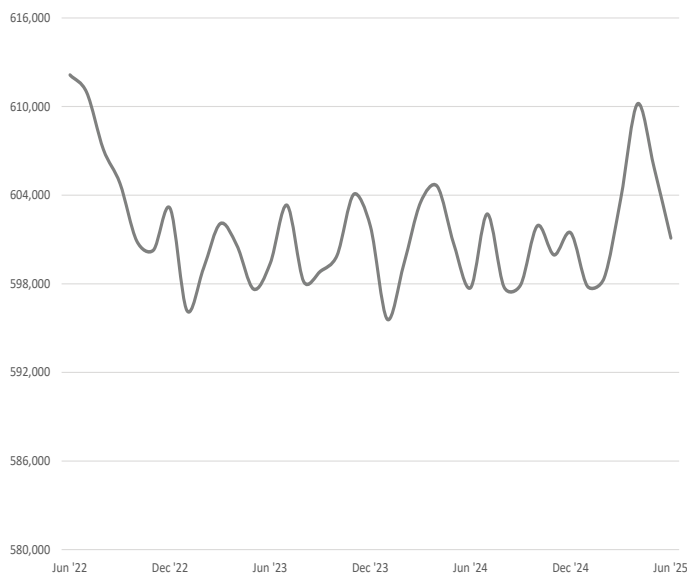
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jun 25</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,174	62,840	62,655	334	519
Employment	60,488	60,382	59,842	106	646
Unemployment	2,686	2,458	2,813	228	-127
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.9%	4.5%	0.4%	-0.2%

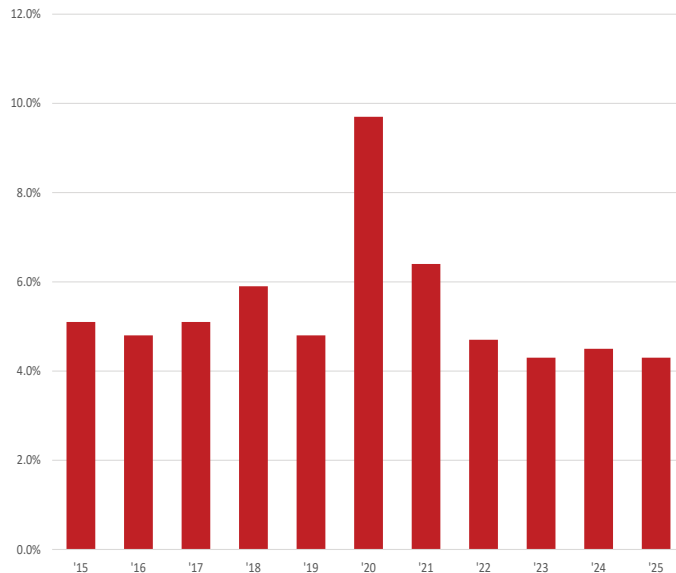
Memphis MSA - Employment

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Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates

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Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2025				May 2025				June 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,602	9,064	538	5.6	9,661	9,249	412	4.3	9,600	9,152	448	4.7
Batesville Micro	18,324	17,628	696	3.8	18,189	17,637	552	3.0	18,040	17,421	619	3.4
Blytheville Micro	20,857	19,711	1,146	5.5	20,485	19,626	859	4.2	21,100	20,130	970	4.6
Camden Micro	11,513	10,973	540	4.7	11,357	10,894	463	4.1	11,539	11,042	497	4.3
El Dorado Micro	15,724	14,859	865	5.5	15,531	14,777	754	4.9	16,206	15,363	843	5.2
Forrest City Micro	7,805	7,367	438	5.6	7,733	7,341	392	5.1	7,854	7,407	447	5.7
Harrison Micro	19,481	18,691	790	4.1	19,332	18,680	652	3.4	19,561	18,814	747	3.8
Magnolia Micro	8,881	8,414	467	5.3	8,891	8,528	363	4.1	8,945	8,553	392	4.4
Malvern Micro	13,577	12,962	615	4.5	13,413	12,897	516	3.8	13,615	13,027	588	4.3
Mountain Home Micro	17,392	16,624	768	4.4	17,110	16,481	629	3.7	17,133	16,379	754	4.4
Paragould Micro	20,563	19,672	891	4.3	20,283	19,558	725	3.6	20,592	19,783	809	3.9
Pine Bluff Micro	27,479	25,821	1,658	6.0	27,238	25,877	1,361	5.0	27,833	26,382	1,451	5.2
Russellville Micro	37,491	35,679	1,812	4.8	37,519	36,035	1,484	4.0	37,913	36,289	1,624	4.3
Searcy Micro	35,398	33,895	1,503	4.2	35,110	33,903	1,207	3.4	34,868	33,473	1,395	4.0

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

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City	June 2025				May 2025				June 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	15,005	14,448	557	3.7	14,959	14,451	508	3.4	14,578	14,040	538	3.7
Benton	20,629	19,931	698	3.4	20,386	19,812	574	2.8	20,336	19,710	626	3.1
Bentonville	34,747	33,680	1,067	3.1	34,575	33,687	888	2.6	33,694	32,729	965	2.9
Blytheville	7,118	6,640	478	6.7	6,910	6,612	298	4.3	7,185	6,781	404	5.6
Cabot	13,794	13,337	457	3.3	13,628	13,251	377	2.8	13,600	13,204	396	2.9
Conway	37,851	36,385	1,466	3.9	37,356	36,173	1,183	3.2	37,175	35,968	1,207	3.2
El Dorado	6,965	6,540	425	6.1	6,904	6,504	400	5.8	7,167	6,762	405	5.7
Fayetteville	57,917	55,679	2,238	3.9	57,342	55,658	1,684	2.9	55,856	54,110	1,746	3.1
Fort Smith	42,302	40,603	1,699	4.0	41,848	40,464	1,384	3.3	41,813	40,286	1,527	3.7
Hot Springs	17,255	16,511	744	4.3	16,998	16,391	607	3.6	17,237	16,508	729	4.2
Jacksonville	13,091	12,449	642	4.9	12,856	12,377	479	3.7	12,834	12,304	530	4.1
Jonesboro	40,307	38,576	1,731	4.3	39,780	38,373	1,407	3.5	39,685	38,255	1,430	3.6
Little Rock	106,819	102,452	4,367	4.1	105,593	101,859	3,734	3.5	105,273	101,262	4,011	3.8
North Little Rock	33,939	32,548	1,391	4.1	33,528	32,359	1,169	3.5	33,429	32,170	1,259	3.8
Paragould	13,399	12,804	595	4.4	13,216	12,730	486	3.7	13,413	12,876	537	4.0
Pine Bluff	15,079	14,036	1,043	6.9	14,922	14,072	850	5.7	15,197	14,309	888	5.8
Rogers	41,355	40,084	1,271	3.1	41,098	40,092	1,006	2.4	40,048	38,952	1,096	2.7
Russellville	13,502	12,838	664	4.9	13,528	13,010	518	3.8	13,629	13,065	564	4.1
Searcy	10,305	9,803	502	4.9	10,193	9,805	388	3.8	10,113	9,681	432	4.3
Sherwood	17,288	16,628	660	3.8	17,109	16,532	577	3.4	17,029	16,435	594	3.5
Springdale	45,352	43,891	1,461	3.2	45,069	43,879	1,190	2.6	43,933	42,654	1,279	2.9
Texarkana, AR	12,526	11,908	618	4.9	12,345	11,865	480	3.9	12,456	11,868	588	4.7
Van Buren	10,678	10,249	429	4.0	10,578	10,217	361	3.4	10,556	10,168	388	3.7
West Memphis	9,644	8,943	701	7.3	9,485	8,894	591	6.2	9,497	8,947	550	5.8

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	7,579	7,238	341	4.5	7,419	7,126	293	3.9	7,648	7,372	276	3.6
Ashley	6,698	6,284	414	6.2	6,635	6,266	369	5.6	6,849	6,446	403	5.9
Baxter	17,392	16,624	768	4.4	17,110	16,481	629	3.7	17,133	16,379	754	4.4
Benton	168,160	162,643	5,517	3.3	167,201	162,678	4,523	2.7	162,907	158,052	4,855	3.0
Boone	16,765	16,099	666	4.0	16,656	16,114	542	3.3	16,853	16,228	625	3.7
Bradley	3,951	3,706	245	6.2	3,901	3,680	221	5.7	3,923	3,746	177	4.5
Calhoun	2,115	2,024	91	4.3	2,096	2,012	84	4.0	2,083	1,997	86	4.1
Carroll	12,240	11,760	480	3.9	11,825	11,433	392	3.3	12,427	11,964	463	3.7
Chicot	3,205	3,003	202	6.3	3,154	2,968	186	5.9	3,220	3,038	182	5.7
Clark	9,602	9,064	538	5.6	9,661	9,249	412	4.3	9,600	9,152	448	4.7
Clay	6,164	5,896	268	4.3	6,056	5,841	215	3.6	6,281	6,034	247	3.9
Cleburne	10,406	9,935	471	4.5	10,103	9,711	392	3.9	10,519	10,092	427	4.1
Cleveland	2,979	2,836	143	4.8	2,944	2,833	111	3.8	3,078	2,949	129	4.2
Columbia	8,881	8,414	467	5.3	8,891	8,528	363	4.1	8,945	8,553	392	4.4
Conway	9,375	8,986	389	4.1	9,189	8,847	342	3.7	9,406	9,049	357	3.8
Craighead	57,677	55,339	2,338	4.1	56,935	55,048	1,887	3.3	56,822	54,879	1,943	3.4
Crawford	26,325	25,212	1,113	4.2	26,069	25,132	937	3.6	26,033	25,011	1,022	3.9
Crittenden	20,986	19,785	1,201	5.7	20,661	19,676	985	4.8	20,788	19,793	995	4.8
Cross	7,585	7,262	323	4.3	7,450	7,175	275	3.7	7,526	7,230	296	3.9
Dallas	2,708	2,586	122	4.5	2,687	2,588	99	3.7	2,705	2,592	113	4.2
Desha	3,984	3,700	284	7.1	3,908	3,647	261	6.7	4,200	3,903	297	7.1
Drew	7,787	7,405	382	4.9	7,789	7,457	332	4.3	7,816	7,478	338	4.3
Faulkner	67,506	64,977	2,529	3.7	66,670	64,598	2,072	3.1	66,427	64,232	2,195	3.3
Franklin	7,509	7,181	328	4.4	7,413	7,143	270	3.6	7,390	7,114	276	3.7
Fulton	4,132	3,921	211	5.1	4,056	3,887	169	4.2	4,097	3,892	205	5.0
Garland	44,239	42,302	1,937	4.4	43,573	41,996	1,577	3.6	44,070	42,296	1,774	4.0
Grant	8,962	8,649	313	3.5	8,839	8,578	261	3.0	8,866	8,569	297	3.3
Greene	20,563	19,672	891	4.3	20,283	19,558	725	3.6	20,592	19,783	809	3.9
Hempstead	8,674	8,298	376	4.3	8,520	8,222	298	3.5	8,600	8,247	353	4.1
Hot Spring	13,577	12,962	615	4.5	13,413	12,897	516	3.8	13,615	13,027	588	4.3
Howard	5,013	4,780	233	4.6	4,925	4,736	189	3.8	5,140	4,940	200	3.9
Independence	18,324	17,628	696	3.8	18,189	17,637	552	3.0	18,040	17,421	619	3.4
Izard	4,080	3,833	247	6.1	4,091	3,880	211	5.2	4,433	4,174	259	5.8
Jackson	5,780	5,512	268	4.6	5,690	5,459	231	4.1	5,836	5,581	255	4.4
Jefferson	24,500	22,985	1,515	6.2	24,294	23,044	1,250	5.1	24,755	23,433	1,322	5.3
Johnson	10,077	9,531	546	5.4	10,051	9,597	454	4.5	10,322	9,766	556	5.4
Lafayette	2,323	2,196	127	5.5	2,327	2,210	117	5.0	2,348	2,229	119	5.1
Lawrence	6,712	6,421	291	4.3	6,703	6,455	248	3.7	6,720	6,443	277	4.1
Lee	2,373	2,226	147	6.2	2,312	2,187	125	5.4	2,448	2,313	135	5.5
Lincoln	3,408	3,216	192	5.6	3,322	3,161	161	4.8	3,462	3,263	199	5.7
Little River	5,246	5,035	211	4.0	5,193	5,020	173	3.3	5,241	5,025	216	4.1
Logan	9,040	8,636	404	4.5	8,835	8,498	337	3.8	9,108	8,746	362	4.0
Lonoke	37,551	36,203	1,348	3.6	37,081	35,969	1,112	3.0	37,014	35,842	1,172	3.2
Madison	8,561	8,273	288	3.4	8,420	8,185	235	2.8	8,335	8,066	269	3.2
Marion	5,494	5,164	330	6.0	5,359	5,089	270	5.0	5,565	5,254	311	5.6
Miller	17,486	16,618	868	5.0	17,253	16,557	696	4.0	17,365	16,562	803	4.6

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	20,857	19,711	1,146	5.5	20,485	19,626	859	4.2	21,100	20,130	970	4.6
Monroe	2,649	2,505	144	5.4	2,597	2,466	131	5.0	2,742	2,611	131	4.8
Montgomery	3,245	3,091	154	4.7	3,087	2,963	124	4.0	3,304	3,143	161	4.9
Nevada	2,570	2,418	152	5.9	2,525	2,410	115	4.6	2,540	2,388	152	6.0
Newton	2,716	2,592	124	4.6	2,676	2,566	110	4.1	2,708	2,586	122	4.5
Ouachita	9,398	8,949	449	4.8	9,261	8,882	379	4.1	9,456	9,045	411	4.3
Perry	4,395	4,195	200	4.6	4,339	4,156	183	4.2	4,339	4,157	182	4.2
Phillips	4,850	4,515	335	6.9	4,831	4,551	280	5.8	4,957	4,660	297	6.0
Pike	4,323	4,136	187	4.3	4,215	4,064	151	3.6	4,506	4,329	177	3.9
Poinsett	10,254	9,809	445	4.3	10,103	9,737	366	3.6	10,158	9,747	411	4.0
Polk	7,508	7,175	333	4.4	7,371	7,094	277	3.8	7,562	7,209	353	4.7
Pope	28,020	26,599	1,421	5.1	28,110	26,955	1,155	4.1	28,338	27,070	1,268	4.5
Prairie	3,786	3,637	149	3.9	3,733	3,608	125	3.3	3,740	3,618	122	3.3
Pulaski	203,940	195,537	8,403	4.1	201,528	194,404	7,124	3.5	200,879	193,266	7,613	3.8
Randolph	7,948	7,611	337	4.2	7,815	7,547	268	3.4	7,963	7,630	333	4.2
St. Francis	7,805	7,367	438	5.6	7,733	7,341	392	5.1	7,854	7,407	447	5.7
Saline	67,522	65,181	2,341	3.5	66,721	64,792	1,929	2.9	66,559	64,460	2,099	3.2
Scott	4,116	3,949	167	4.1	4,044	3,903	141	3.5	4,254	4,096	158	3.7
Searcy	3,315	3,176	139	4.2	3,203	3,088	115	3.6	3,351	3,210	141	4.2
Sebastian	60,011	57,623	2,388	4.0	59,418	57,425	1,993	3.4	59,325	57,173	2,152	3.6
Sevier	7,126	6,863	263	3.7	7,001	6,798	203	2.9	7,264	7,034	230	3.2
Sharp	6,763	6,450	313	4.6	6,672	6,420	252	3.8	6,806	6,513	293	4.3
Stone	4,200	3,961	239	5.7	4,081	3,889	192	4.7	4,227	4,018	209	4.9
Union	15,724	14,859	865	5.5	15,531	14,777	754	4.9	16,206	15,363	843	5.2
Van Buren	6,122	5,809	313	5.1	5,968	5,707	261	4.4	6,112	5,840	272	4.5
Washington	140,163	135,265	4,898	3.5	139,089	135,215	3,874	2.8	135,571	131,453	4,118	3.0
White	35,398	33,895	1,503	4.2	35,110	33,903	1,207	3.4	34,868	33,473	1,395	4.0
Woodruff	2,988	2,875	113	3.8	2,945	2,850	95	3.2	3,027	2,919	108	3.6
Yell	9,471	9,080	391	4.1	9,409	9,080	329	3.5	9,575	9,219	356	3.7

County Labor Force Summary

Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 3.3% in Benton County to a high of 7.1% in Desha County. The largest monthly increases occurred in Clark, Mississippi, and Nevada counties, all up 1.3% over-the-month.

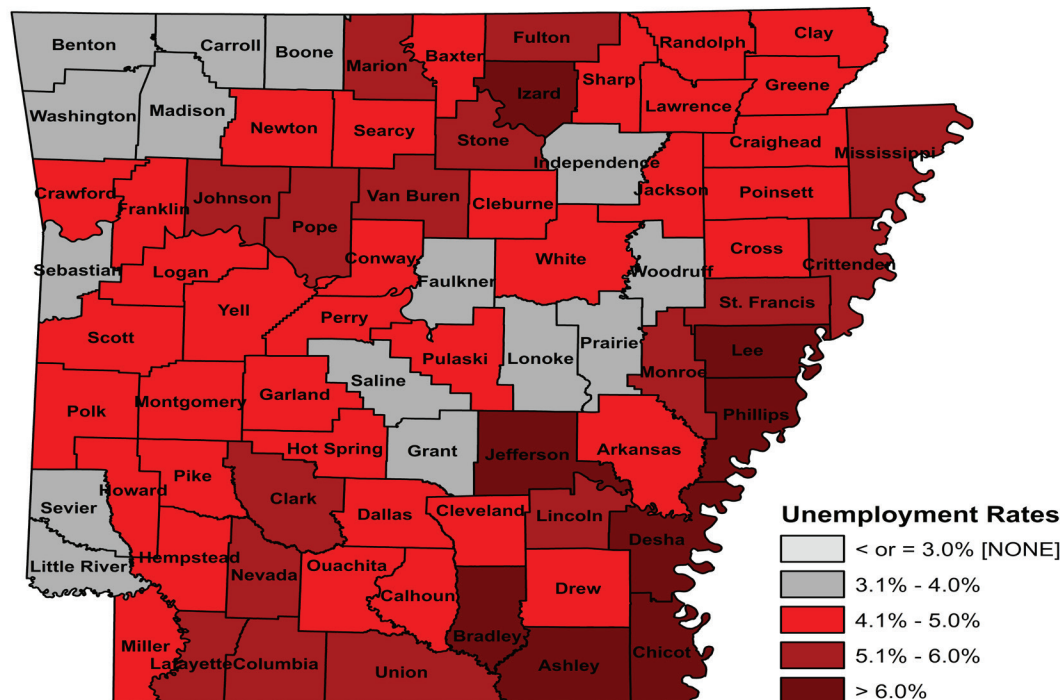
In June, no county in Arkansas posted a jobless rate at or below 3%. That is down from eight counties at or below 3% in May. For the first time in four months, one county had an unemployment rate above 7%.

Compared to June 2024, jobless rates are up in 64 Arkansas counties. Rates were down in 6 counties, while five counties remained stable. Bradley County had the largest annual rate increase, up one and seven-tenths of a percentage point. Polk County posted the greatest rate decline, down three-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.3	25	Clay	4.3	51	Miller	5.0
2	Madison	3.4	25	Cross	4.3	52	Fulton	5.1
3	Grant	3.5	25	Greene	4.3	52	Pope	5.1
3	Saline	3.5	25	Hempstead	4.3	55	Van Buren	5.1
6	Washington	3.5	25	Lawrence	4.3	55	Columbia	5.3
6	Lonoke	3.6	25	Pike	4.3	56	Johnson	5.4
7	Faulkner	3.7	25	Poinsett	4.3	56	Monroe	5.4
7	Sevier	3.7	33	Baxter	4.4	58	Lafayette	5.5
9	Independence	3.8	33	Franklin	4.4	58	Mississippi	5.5
9	Woodruff	3.8	33	Garland	4.4	58	Union	5.5
11	Carroll	3.9	33	Polk	4.4	61	Clark	5.6
11	Prairie	3.9	37	Arkansas	4.5	61	Lincoln	5.6
13	Boone	4.0	37	Cleburne	4.5	61	St. Francis	5.6
13	Little River	4.0	37	Dallas	4.5	64	Crittenden	5.7
13	Sebastian	4.0	37	Hot Spring	4.5	64	Stone	5.7
16	Conway	4.1	37	Logan	4.5	66	Nevada	5.9
16	Craighead	4.1	42	Howard	4.6	67	Marion	6.0
16	Pulaski	4.1	42	Jackson	4.6	68	Izard	6.1
16	Scott	4.1	42	Newton	4.6	69	Ashley	6.2
16	Yell	4.1	42	Perry	4.6	69	Bradley	6.2
21	Crawford	4.2	42	Sharp	4.6	69	Jefferson	6.2
21	Randolph	4.2	47	Montgomery	4.7	69	Lee	6.2
21	Searcy	4.2	48	Cleveland	4.8	73	Chicot	6.3
21	White	4.2	48	Ouachita	4.8	74	Phillips	6.9
25	Calhoun	4.3	50	Drew	4.9	75	Desha	7.1

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Local Workforce Development Areas

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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<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)	276,135	265,588	10,547	3.8	272,737	263,978	8,759	3.2	272,088	262,767	9,321	3.4
City of Little Rock	106,819	102,452	4,367	4.1	105,593	101,859	3,734	3.5	105,273	101,262	4,011	3.8
Eastern	43,599	41,155	2,444	5.6	42,987	40,930	2,057	4.8	43,573	41,403	2,170	5.0
North Central	98,193	93,819	4,374	4.5	96,905	93,343	3,562	3.7	97,965	93,923	4,042	4.1
Northeast	130,175	124,459	5,716	4.4	128,380	123,812	4,568	3.6	129,636	124,646	4,990	3.8
Northwest	374,806	361,596	13,210	3.5	371,539	360,849	10,690	2.9	364,850	353,192	11,658	3.2
Southeast	73,053	69,022	4,031	5.5	72,205	68,760	3,445	4.8	73,817	70,197	3,620	4.9
Southwest	87,264	83,040	4,224	4.8	86,210	82,740	3,470	4.0	87,893	83,975	3,918	4.5
West Central	136,324	129,946	6,378	4.7	135,047	129,804	5,243	3.9	137,075	131,208	5,867	4.3
Western	114,509	109,776	4,733	4.1	113,150	109,195	3,955	3.5	113,672	109,349	4,323	3.8

