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Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Remains Unchanged at 4.4 Percent in June

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary:

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released today by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 4.4 percent between May and June. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 250, a result of 750 fewer employed and 500 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 5.8 percent in May to 5.9 percent in June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate remained stable at 4.4 percent for the third consecutive month. Arkansas unemployment rate is currently three and four-tenths of a percentage point lower than in June 2020 and is well below the US rate."

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment declined 3,700 in June to total 1,269,200. Four major industry sectors posted job losses, more than offsetting gains in six sectors. Jobs in **government** fell 7,500. All losses occurred in state government-educational services (-4,800) and local government-educational services (-3,900), related to the end of the 2020-2021 public school year. **Educational and health services** declined 1,700. Employment in educational services dropped 2,000, marking the end of the academic year at private schools and colleges. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,100, with gains reported across all subsectors. **Professional and business services** added 1,100 jobs, with hiring in both management of companies (+600) and professional-scientific-technical services (+500).

Compared to May 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 53,000. Growth was posted in nine major industry sectors. The largest increase occurred in **leisure and hospitality**, up 14,000. Most of the gains were in food services (+9,300). **Professional and business services** added 13,900 jobs, mostly in administrative and support services (+11,500). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 9,300, all in durable goods (+10,700). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 6,600. All subsectors reported expansions, with retail trade adding 4,200 jobs. **Other services** added 3,100 jobs. The sector includes activities such as repair/maintenance and membership organizations. **Government** reported the only over-the-year decrease, down 2,900 jobs. Declines occurred in state government-excluding education (-1,100) and local government-educational services (-5,800).

ARKANSAS CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY, Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	Chg From May 2021	Chg From June 2020
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,922	1,358,172	1,347,387	-250	10,535
Employment	1,298,059	1,298,809	1,242,595	-750	55,464
Unemployment	59,863	59,363	104,792	500	-44,929
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	7.8	0.0	-3.4
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	11.1	0.1	-5.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

ARKANSAS NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS, Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Industry Group 2017	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	Chg From May 2021	Chg From June 2020
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	1269.2	1272.9	1216.2	-3.7	53.0
Goods Producing	221.0	221.0	211.1	0.0	9.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	59.5	58.9	58.9	0.6	0.6
Mining & Logging	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	54.0	53.4	53.4	0.6	0.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.4	34.0	33.8	0.4	0.6
Manufacturing	161.5	162.1	152.2	-0.6	9.3
Durable Goods	82.2	81.1	71.5	1.1	10.7
Nondurable Goods	79.3	81.0	80.7	-1.7	-1.4
Service Providing	1048.2	1051.9	1005.1	-3.7	43.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	251.2	251.3	244.6	-0.1	6.6
Wholesale Trade	47.3	47.1	46.2	0.2	1.1
Retail Trade	138.0	138.5	133.8	-0.5	4.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	65.9	65.7	64.6	0.2	1.3
Information	12.4	12.1	11.5	0.3	0.9
Financial Activities	64.9	64.7	63.6	0.2	1.3
Finance & Insurance	51.5	51.1	50.2	0.4	1.3
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	13.4	13.6	13.4	-0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	146.3	145.2	132.4	1.1	13.9
Professional, Scientific, & Technical	43.3	42.8	41.6	0.5	1.7
Management of Companies	34.0	33.4	33.3	0.6	0.7
Administrative & Support Services	69.0	69.0	57.5	0.0	11.5
Educational & Health Services	187.6	189.3	181.4	-1.7	6.2
Educational Services	14.7	16.7	12.5	-2.0	2.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.9	172.6	168.9	0.3	4.0
Ambulatory Health Care	59.8	58.8	57.8	1.0	2.0
Social Assistance	36.7	37.0	36.1	-0.3	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	116.9	113.8	102.9	3.1	14.0
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	14.0	12.8	10.8	1.2	3.2
Accommodation & Food Services	102.9	101.0	92.1	1.9	10.8
Accommodation Services	10.4	9.8	8.9	0.6	1.5
Food Services	92.5	91.2	83.2	1.3	9.3
Other Services	67.9	67.0	64.8	0.9	3.1
Government	201.0	208.5	203.9	-7.5	-2.9
Federal Government	20.6	20.5	20.5	0.1	0.1
State Government	72.8	77.6	71.2	-4.8	1.6
State Government, Educational Services	26.3	31.1	23.6	-4.8	2.7
State Government, Excluding Education	46.5	46.5	47.6	0.0	-1.1
Local Government	107.6	110.4	112.2	-2.8	-4.6
Local Government, Education Services	63.1	67.0	68.9	-3.9	-5.8
Local Government, Excluding Education	44.5	43.4	43.3	1.1	1.2

Source: Monthly Survey of Employers, based on 1st Quarter 2020 benchmark.

Notes: Current month's data are preliminary; previous month's data are revised.



About the Arkansas Department of Commerce:

The Arkansas Department of Commerce is the umbrella department for workforce and economic development drivers. Its divisions and regulatory boards include Division of Aeronautics, Waterways Commission, Wine Producers Council, Division of Workforce Services, Office of Skills Development, State Bank Department, Insurance Department, Securities Department, Economic Development Commission and Development Finance Authority. It was established July 2019 as part of Governor Asa Hutchinson's wide-sweeping efficiency and transformation efforts to reduce 42 cabinet agencies to 15 while maintaining services for all Arkansans.



About the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

The mission of the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services is to support and secure Arkansas' economic vitality through a highly skilled workforce by administering programs and providing services that empower employers and jobseekers. ADWS is a division of the Arkansas Department of Commerce.



About Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

The Bureau of Labor Statistics measures labor market activity, working conditions, price changes, and productivity in the U.S. economy to support public and private decision making.

About Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

The LAUS program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence.

About Current Employment Statistics (CES)

The CES program produces detailed industry estimates of employment, hours, and earnings of workers on nonfarm payrolls. CES State and Metro Area produces data for all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and about 450 metropolitan areas and divisions.