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Arkansas' unemployment rate holds steady at 3.7% in July

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (Aug 19, 2025) Today, 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.

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary:

- 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.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

- Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined by 8,700 in July, due in large part to summer break at schools. Jobs in Government dropped 10,900, both in local government educational services (-9,600) and state government educational services (-1,500). Six major industry sectors posted gains, including Leisure and Hospitality (+900), Construction (+800), and Financial Activities (+400).
- Compared to July 2024, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 26,100. Notable expansions occurred in Private Education and Health Services (+12,000), Leisure and Hospitality (+6,000), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+4,600), Professional and Business Services (+3,200), and Manufacturing (+2,400).

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)

	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	Change from June 2025	Change from July 2024
Civilian Labor Force	1,424,739	1,423,836	1,411,434	903	13,305
Employment	1,371,690	1,371,134	1,363,135	556	8,555
Unemployment	53,049	52,702	48,299	347	4,750
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	0.0%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.3%	0.0%	0.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. More information about the data is available at <https://www.bls.gov/cps/definitions.htm>

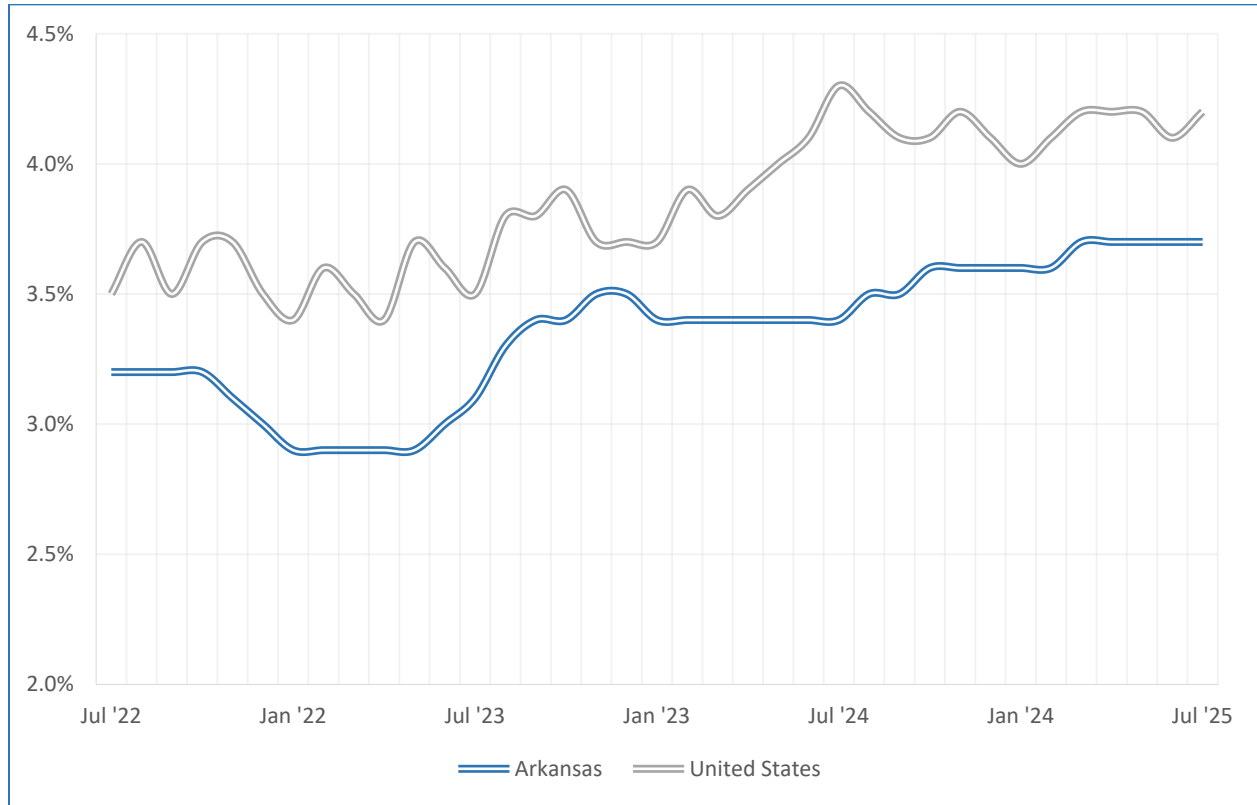
Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted, In Thousands)

Industry Sector based on 2022 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	Change from June 2025	Change from July 2024
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	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
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.2	5.3	0.0	-0.1
Construction	65.9	65.1	67.7	0.8	-1.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.5	40.7	42.4	0.8	-0.9
Manufacturing	164.8	164.8	162.4	0.0	2.4
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
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	273.3	273.2	268.7	0.1	4.6
Wholesale Trade	54.0	53.9	53.6	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	146.2	146.5	143.1	-0.3	3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	73.1	72.8	72.0	0.3	1.1
Information	12.0	11.9	12.2	0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	71.0	70.4	70.0	0.6	1.0
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
Professional & Business Services	160.8	160.4	157.6	0.4	3.2
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
Private Education & Health Services	220.4	220.4	208.4	0.0	12.0
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
Leisure & Hospitality	137.3	136.4	131.3	0.9	6.0
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
Other Services	65.2	65.9	66.3	-0.7	-1.1
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 Government, Educational Services	25.3	26.8	25.2	-1.5	0.1
State Government, 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 Government, Educational Services	58.1	67.7	57.7	-9.6	0.4
Local Government, Excluding Education	47.5	47.4	47.2	0.1	0.3

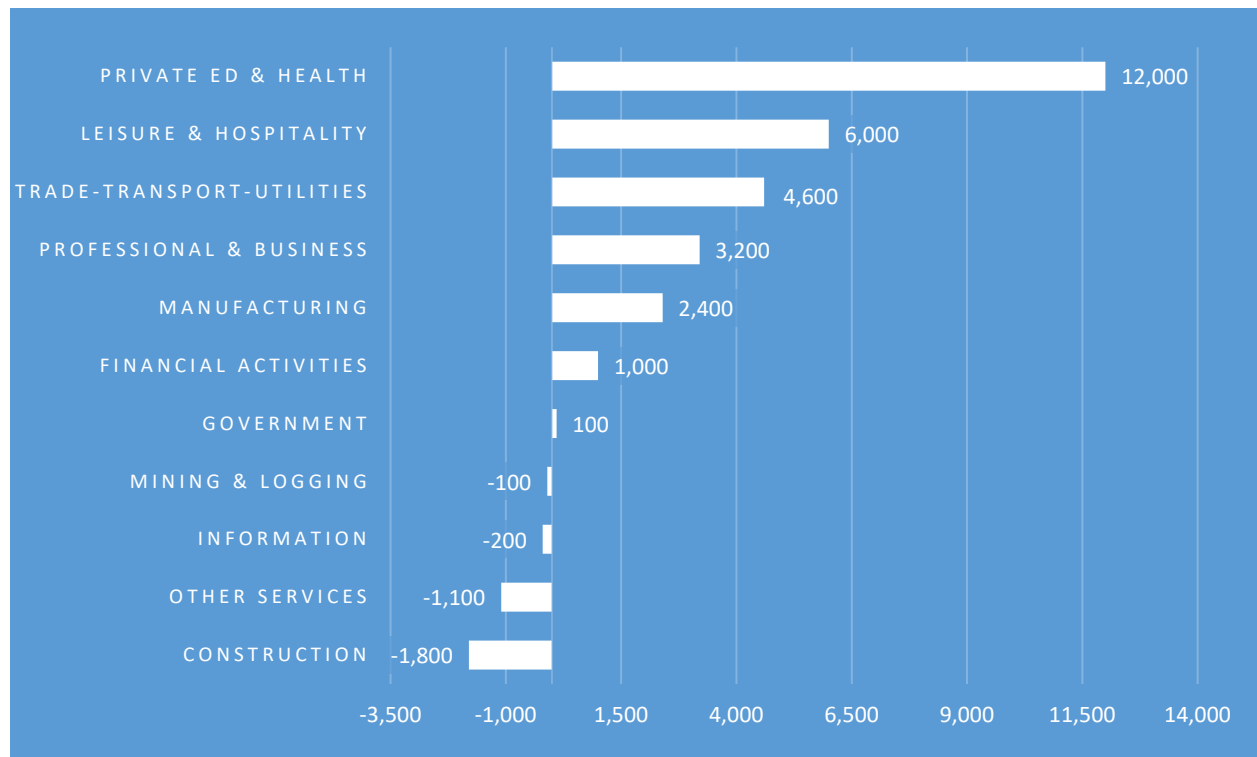
Source: Monthly Survey of Employers, based on 1st Quarter 2024 benchmark.

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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Arkansas vs. United States (3-Year Comparison)



Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sectors July 2024 to July 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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