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Arkansas’ unemployment rate remains stable at 3.7% in June

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (July 18, 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% 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 Summary:

* 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.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

* Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 3,600 in June, reflecting typical seasonal declines. Jobs in Government decreased 7,200, related to the start of summer break at public schools and universities. Hiring was reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+1,500) and in Manufacturing (+1,300).
* Compared to June 2024, nonfarm payroll jobs in the State are up 24,900. The largest gains occurred in Private Education and Health Services (+12,200), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+5,200), Leisure and Hospitality (+4,400), and Manufacturing (+2,500).

# Arkansas Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)

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|  | June 2025 | May 2025 | June 2024 | Change from May 2025 | Change from June 2024 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,423,885 | 1,423,345 | 1,408,950 | 540 | 14,935 |
| Employment | 1,371,204 | 1,371,083 | 1,361,155 | 121 | 10,049 |
| Unemployment | 52,681 | 52,262 | 47,795 | 419 | 4,886 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.4% | 0.0% | 0.3% |
| Labor Force Participation Rate | 58.4% | 58.4% | 58.2% | 0.0% | 0.2% |

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)

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| Industry Sector based on 2022 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) | June 2025 | May 2025 | June 2024 | Changefrom May 2025 | Changefrom June 2024 |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 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 |
| Transportation, 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** |
| 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 Government, Educational Services | 26.8 | 31.7 | 26.7 | -4.9 | 0.1 |
| State Government, 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 Government, Educational Services | 67.7 | 71.1 | 67.2 | -3.4 | 0.5 |
| Local Government, Excluding Education | 47.4 | 46.1 | 47.1 | 1.3 | 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)

4.5%

4.0%

3.5%

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2.5%

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Jun '22

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

P R I V AT E E D & H E AL T H

12,200

T R A DE - T RA N S P O RT - U T I LI T I ES

5,200

LEI S U R E & HO S P I T A LI T Y

4,400

M A NU F A CT U R I NG

2,500

P R O F E S S I O N A L & B U S I N E S S

2,100

F I NA N CI A L A CT I V I T I ES

700

G OV E R N M E N T

100

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-300

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-400

CO NS T R U CT I O N -1,500

-3,500 -1,000

1,500

4,000

6,500

9,000

11,500 14,000

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The Arkansas Department of Commerce is the umbrella department for workforce and economic development drivers. Its divisions and regulatory boards include the Division of Aeronautics, Waterways Commission, Wine Producers Council, Workforce Services, State Bank Department, Insurance Department, Securities Department, Economic Development Commission, and Development Finance Authority.



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**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.