**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**August 2017**



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected 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 2016 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 Area (MSA)**

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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 800 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 dur- ing 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.

August Spotlight

Seasonal Employment Trends (Par t 1 of 2)

Employment in several major industry sectors is directly affected by seasonal patterns. These patterns can be seen by comparing monthly employment across multiple years. Seasonal trends can be attributed to set schedules of operation, holidays, or weather patterns. Examples of all three types are provided.

Education is one of the most obvious examples of seasonal employment. Most of Arkansas’ public schools and universities are scheduled to operate from August to May. Chart 1 shows how state and local government em- ployment is affected by the operation schedule of public schools. Note that the number of jobs begin to decline between May and June, reaches a low in July, and then increases between August and September. Jobs remain fairly stable during the rest of the year, with the exception of the holiday-related drop in December/January.

While employment at public universities and secondary schools falls under state and local government, employ- ment at *private* universities and *private* secondary schools falls under educational services. This is a subsector under **educational and health services**. With the exception of the few schools that utilize a three-quarter system, the majority of private schools operate on the same August to May schedule as public schools. Chart 2 below shows the seasonal employment trends of private edu-

200,000

195,000

190,000

185,000

180,000

175,000

170,000

20,000

**Chart 1. Jobs in State and Local Government**

January 2015 - August 2017

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2015 2016 2017

**Chart 2. Jobs in Educational Services**

January 2015 - August 2017

cational services, which closely mirrors the trend seen in state and local government.

**Leisure and hospitality** is another sector affected by seasonal patterns. People tend to travel more during the summer months. Hotels, restaurants, and recreational facilities have increased business during this time and require more employees. Similarly, many recreational facilities in Arkansas are only open during the summer months—amusement parks and camps are prime exam- ples. Chart 3 shows the seasonal employment pattern that occurs in the **leisure and hospitality** sector. Note that employment begins to steadily rise throughout the spring, peaks in June, and then typically declines slowly throughout the second half of the year.

**Chart 3. Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

January 2015 - August 2017

130,000

18,000

125,000

16,000

120,000

14,000

115,000

12,000

110,000

10,000

105,000

8,000

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2015 2016 2017

100,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2015 2016 2017

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in July to 3.5 percent in August. Ar- kansas’ civilian labor force added 3,272, a result of 2,038 additional employed and 1,234 more unem- ployed Arkansans. Reaching 4.4 percent, the United States’ jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point between July and August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in August, as the number of employed and unemployed both rose slightly. The movement in the jobless rate mirrored the trend seen at the national level.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Aug 17**  1,377,710 | **Jul 17**  1,374,438 | **Aug 16**  1,342,501 | Civilian Labor Force | **Aug 17**  1,371,780 | **Jul 17**  1,393,745 | **Aug 16**  1,345,036 |
| Employment | 1,329,979 | 1,327,941 | 1,288,269 | Employment | 1,323,147 | 1,340,486 | 1,292,067 |
| Unemployment | 47,731 | 46,497 | 54,232 | Unemployment | 48,633 | 53,259 | 52,969 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.0 |

1,360,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

August 2015 - August 2017

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

Aug

'15

Feb

'16

Aug

'16

Feb

'17

Aug

'17

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Aug 17 Jul 17 Aug 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1241.2 | 1243.8 | 1218.7 | -2.6 | 22.5 |
| Goods Producing | 217.0 | 217.5 | 212.2 | -0.5 | 4.8 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 58.6 | 58.9 | 57.1 | -0.3 | 1.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **52.5** | **52.8** | **50.9** | **-0.3** | **1.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.1 | 34.3 | 32.6 | -0.2 | 1.5 |
| **Manufacturing** | **158.4** | **158.6** | **155.1** | **-0.2** | **3.3** |
| Durable Goods | 73.1 | 73.2 | 74.3 | -0.1 | -1.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.3 | 85.4 | 80.8 | -0.1 | 4.5 |
| Service Providing | 1024.2 | 1026.3 | 1006.5 | -2.1 | 17.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **254.1** | **257.1** | **252.4** | **-3.0** | **1.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.3 | 48.9 | 46.4 | -1.6 | 0.9 |
| Retail Trade | 141.8 | 142.7 | 142.5 | -0.9 | -0.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.0 | 65.5 | 63.5 | -0.5 | 1.5 |
| I**nformation** | **13.2** | **13.1** | **13.5** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **51.2** | **51.9** | **51.5** | **-0.7** | **-0.3** |
| Finance & Insurance | 37.9 | 38.6 | 38.0 | -0.7 | -0.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.4** | **147.2** | **141.3** | **-0.8** | **5.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.6 | 44.2 | 42.2 | -0.6 | 1.4 |
| Management of Companies | 34.0 | 33.7 | 35.5 | 0.3 | -1.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 68.8 | 69.3 | 63.6 | -0.5 | 5.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **186.9** | **186.0** | **180.3** | **0.9** | **6.6** |
| Educational Services | 15.6 | 14.3 | 12.6 | 1.3 | 3.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.3 | 171.7 | 167.7 | -0.4 | 3.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 58.3 | 57.6 | 53.9 | 0.7 | 4.4 |
| Social Assistance | 37.8 | 39.1 | 39.5 | -1.3 | -1.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 123.2 124.3 118.6 -1.1 4.6** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.7 | 13.0 | 12.3 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 110.5 | 111.3 | 106.3 | -0.8 | 4.2 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.9 | 13.2 | 11.7 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Food Services | 97.6 | 98.1 | 94.6 | -0.5 | 3.0 |
| **Other Services** | **49.3** | **49.6** | **47.5** | **-0.3** | **1.8** |
| **Government** | **199.9** | **197.1** | **201.4** | **2.8** | **-1.5** |
| Federal Government | 20.2 | 20.5 | 20.3 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| State Government | 74.5 | 73.0 | 75.0 | 1.5 | -0.5 |
| Local Government | 105.2 | 103.6 | 106.1 | 1.6 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

July 2017 - August 2017

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 2,600 in August to total 1,241,200. Seven major industry sec- tors posted declines, while three sectors added jobs. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utili- ties** dropped 3,000. A majority of the loss occurred in wholesale trade (-1,600), attributed in part to re- ported contractions in farm supplies merchant wholesalers. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** decreased

1,100. Accommodation and food services posted most of the decline (-800). **Government** added 2,800 jobs. Expansions occurred in local (+1,600) and state (+1,500) government, as public educational facili- ties begin the new school year.

August 2016 - August 2017

Compared to August 2016, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 22,500. Growth occurred in seven major industry sectors, with four adding 3,300 or more jobs, each. Employment is down in four industry sectors. **Educational and health services** reported the largest increase, up 6,600. Gains were seen in both health care and social assistance (+3,600) and educational services (+3,000). **Professional and business services** added 5,100 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in administrative and support services (+5,200), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 4,600, largely in food services (+3,000). **Manufacturing** increased 3,300, all in nondurable goods manufacturing (+4,500). Gains was also reported in **other services** (+1,800), **trade-transportation- utilities** (+1,700), and **construction** (+1,600). **Government** posted the largest decline, down 1,500.

92,000

**Jobs in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

August: 2007 - 2017

90,000

88,000

86,000

84,000

82,000

80,000

78,000

76,000

74,000

72,000

70,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Aug 17 Jul 17**

**Aug 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.4

16.29

641.83

39.8

16.05

638.79

41.0

15.64

641.24

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Aug 17 Jul 17**

**Aug 16**

**Aug 17 Jul 17**

**Aug 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.0

17.94

735.54

39.6

18.10

716.76

42.6

17.36

739.54

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.1

14.88

566.93

39.9

14.41

574.96

39.5

13.94

550.63

$800.00

**Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods**

August: 2007 - 2017

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

$450.00

$400.00

$350.00

$300.00

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 359,448 | 367,752 | 353,122 | -8,304 | 6,326 |
| Employment | 348,064 | 355,378 | 340,768 | -7,314 | 7,296 |
| Unemployment | 11,384 | 12,374 | 12,354 | -990 | -970 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | -0.2 | -0.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Aug 17**  353.8 | **Jul 17**  353.5 | **Aug 16**  352.8 | **OTM**  0.3 | **OT Y**  1.0 |
| Goods Producing | 37.7 | 37.6 | 37.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.7** | **17.6** | **17.1** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.0** | **20.0** | **20.2** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| Service Providing 316.1 315.9 315.5 0.2 0.6 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.8** | **70.5** | **69.8** | **-0.7** | **0.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.0 | 15.1 | 15.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 38.8 | 39.3 | 39.2 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.0 | 16.1 | 15.5 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.3** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.6** | **20.6** | **20.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **46.3** | **46.5** | **46.4** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **56.7** | **56.0** | **54.8** | **0.7** | **1.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33.7** | **34.0** | **34.6** | **-0.3** | **-0.9** |
| **Other Services** | **15.0** | **15.1** | **14.7** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **67.9** | **67.1** | **68.4** | **0.8** | **-0.5** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 34.3 | 33.7 | 34.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Local Government | 23.9 | 23.7 | 24.7 | 0.2 | -0.8 |

380,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2015 - August 2017

48,000

**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**

August: 2007 - 2017

370,000

360,000

46,000

350,000

340,000

44,000

330,000

42,000

320,000

310,000

40,000

300,000

290,000

38,000

280,000

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2015 2016 2017

36,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 277,181 | 283,189 | 265,220 | -6,008 | 11,961 |
| Employment | 269,663 | 274,971 | 257,669 | -5,308 | 11,994 |
| Unemployment | 7,518 | 8,218 | 7,551 | -700 | -33 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | -0.2 | -0.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Aug 17**  251.6 | **Jul 17**  251.3 | **Aug 16**  244.0 | **OTM**  0.3 | **OT Y**  7.6 |
| Goods Producing | 39.3 | 39.4 | 38.2 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.2** | **11.2** | **10.6** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **28.1** | **28.2** | **27.6** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| Service Providing 212.3 211.9 205.8 0.4 6.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.4** | **56.5** | **56.1** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 25.8 | 25.9 | 26.7 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **7.7** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.0** | **52.2** | **49.2** | **-0.2** | **2.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.8** | **27.5** | **26.7** | **0.3** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.1** | **26.6** | **25.2** | **-0.5** | **0.9** |
| **Other Services** | **7.8** | **7.8** | **7.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **32.3** | **31.4** | **31.4** | **0.9** | **0.9** |
| Federal Government | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 12.6 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Local Government | 17.2 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

260,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

August 2015 - August 2017

255,000

250,000

245,000

240,000

235,000

230,000

225,000

Aug

'15

Feb

'16

Aug

'16

Feb

'17

Aug

'17

For t Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA= Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 122,231 | 123,168 | 121,797 | -937 | 434 |
| Employment | 117,029 | 117,948 | 116,129 | -919 | 900 |
| Unemployment | 5,202 | 5,220 | 5,668 | -18 | -466 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 0.1 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Aug 17**  112.8 | **Jul 17**  111.3 | **Aug 16**  113.1 | **OTM**  1.5 | **OT Y**  -0.3 |
| Goods Producing | 23.2 | 23.0 | 23.6 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.8** | **17.6** | **18.0** | **0.2** | **-0.2** |
| Service Providing 89.6 88.3 89.5 1.3 0.1 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.2** | **23.2** | **23.8** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.8 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.3** | **1.3** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.1** | **13.1** | **12.7** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.9** | **9.9** | **9.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **17.2** | **16.0** | **17.1** | **1.2** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 13.0 | 11.8 | 12.9 | 1.2 | 0.1 |

12,000

**Number of Unemployed**

August: 1997 - 2017

116,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2015 - August 2017

10,000

115,000

114,000

8,000

113,000

6,000

112,000

111,000

4,000

110,000

2,000

109,000

0

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

108,000

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2015 2016 2017

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 41,888 | 42,923 | 40,510 | -1,035 | 1,378 |
| Employment | 40,313 | 41,153 | 38,818 | -840 | 1,495 |
| Unemployment | 1,575 | 1,770 | 1,692 | -195 | -117 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | -0.3 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.5 | 38.5 | 37.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 33.9 | 33.9 | 33.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

42,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

August: 1997 - 2017

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,581 | 66,009 | 62,678 | -1,428 | 1,903 |
| Employment | 62,532 | 63,794 | 60,568 | -1,262 | 1,964 |
| Unemployment | 2,049 | 2,215 | 2,110 | -166 | -61 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 56.5 | 56.4 | 55.5 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.2 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| 47.0 | 46.8 | 46.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

66,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2015 - August 2017

64,000

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

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2015 2016 2017

Pine Bluff MSA

The Pine Bluff MSA= Cleveland, Jefferson, & Lincoln counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,016 | 36,710 | 36,052 | -694 | -36 |
| Employment | 34,269 | 34,794 | 33,993 | -525 | 276 |
| Unemployment | 1,747 | 1,916 | 2,059 | -169 | -312 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.7 | -0.3 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.6 | 32.4 | 33.0 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 26.7 | 26.5 | 26.9 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

12.0

**Unemployment Rates**

August: 2007 - 2017

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

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'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

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.

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|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 630,876 | 641,388 | 623,533 | -10,512 | 7,343 |
| Employment | 604,614 | 610,902 | 588,556 | -6,288 | 16,058 |
| Unemployment | 26,262 | 30,486 | 34,977 | -4,224 | -8,715 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.6 | -0.6 | -1.4 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Aug 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,543 | 64,974 | 65,159 | -431 | -616 |
| Employment | 61,505 | 61,929 | 61,919 | -424 | -414 |
| Unemployment | 3,038 | 3,045 | 3,240 | -7 | -202 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

620,000

**Employment - Memphis MSA**

August: 1997 - 2017

4,000

**Unemployment - Texarkana MSA**

August 2015 - August 2017

600,000

3,500

580,000

3,000

560,000

2,500

540,000

2,000

520,000

1,500

500,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

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Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**August 2017 July 2017 August 2016**

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| **Micro Area**  Arkadelphia Micro | **CLF**  9,672 | **Emp**  9,301 | **Unemp**  371 | **Rate**  3.8 | **CLF**  9,586 | **Emp**  9,158 | **Unemp**  428 | **Rate**  4.5 | **CLF**  9,373 | **Emp**  8,934 | **Unemp**  439 | **Rate**  4.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,169 | 15,486 | 683 | 4.2 | 16,470 | 15,697 | 773 | 4.7 | 15,645 | 14,848 | 797 | 5.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,048 | 16,983 | 1,065 | 5.9 | 18,295 | 17,082 | 1,213 | 6.6 | 18,385 | 17,093 | 1,292 | 7.0 |
| Camden Micro | 12,373 | 11,829 | 544 | 4.4 | 12,572 | 12,003 | 569 | 4.5 | 12,193 | 11,511 | 682 | 5.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,252 | 15,432 | 820 | 5.0 | 16,395 | 15,460 | 935 | 5.7 | 16,406 | 15,437 | 969 | 5.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,949 | 8,533 | 416 | 4.6 | 8,854 | 8,402 | 452 | 5.1 | 9,091 | 8,636 | 455 | 5.0 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,981 | 18,376 | 605 | 3.2 | 19,072 | 18,399 | 673 | 3.5 | 19,052 | 18,398 | 654 | 3.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,544 | 6,175 | 369 | 5.6 | 6,506 | 6,107 | 399 | 6.1 | 6,642 | 6,269 | 373 | 5.6 |
| Hope Micro | 13,587 | 13,122 | 465 | 3.4 | 13,745 | 13,239 | 506 | 3.7 | 13,301 | 12,800 | 501 | 3.8 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,099 | 8,631 | 468 | 5.1 | 8,974 | 8,467 | 507 | 5.6 | 9,033 | 8,490 | 543 | 6.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,389 | 13,857 | 532 | 3.7 | 14,596 | 14,009 | 587 | 4.0 | 13,998 | 13,478 | 520 | 3.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,487 | 15,819 | 668 | 4.1 | 16,616 | 15,893 | 723 | 4.4 | 16,187 | 15,523 | 664 | 4.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,806 | 19,129 | 677 | 3.4 | 20,232 | 19,432 | 800 | 4.0 | 19,743 | 18,948 | 795 | 4.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,990 | 36,247 | 1,743 | 4.6 | 38,096 | 36,176 | 1,920 | 5.0 | 37,530 | 35,751 | 1,779 | 4.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,275 | 32,887 | 1,388 | 4.0 | 34,048 | 32,537 | 1,511 | 4.4 | 33,915 | 32,222 | 1,693 | 5.0 |

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 Helena-West Helena Micro= Phillips County Hope Micro= Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County Paragould Micro= Greene County Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro= White County

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**August 2017 July 2017 August 2016**

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| **City**  Bella Vista | **CLF**  12,641 | **Emp**  12,203 | **Unemp**  438 | **Rate**  3.5 | **CLF**  12,941 | **Emp**  12,443 | **Unemp**  498 | **Rate**  3.8 | **CLF**  12,026 | **Emp**  11,636 | **Unemp**  390 | **Rate**  3.2 |
| Benton | 16,737 | 16,280 | 457 | 2.7 | 17,134 | 16,615 | 519 | 3.0 | 16,450 | 15,933 | 517 | 3.1 |
| Bentonville | 25,042 | 24,253 | 789 | 3.2 | 25,575 | 24,729 | 846 | 3.3 | 23,738 | 23,126 | 612 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville | 6,206 | 5,790 | 416 | 6.7 | 6,313 | 5,824 | 489 | 7.7 | 6,343 | 5,827 | 516 | 8.1 |
| Cabot | 11,994 | 11,604 | 390 | 3.3 | 12,262 | 11,876 | 386 | 3.1 | 11,762 | 11,385 | 377 | 3.2 |
| Conway | 33,902 | 32,839 | 1,063 | 3.1 | 34,723 | 33,541 | 1,182 | 3.4 | 33,329 | 32,164 | 1,165 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado | 7,076 | 6,680 | 396 | 5.6 | 7,113 | 6,692 | 421 | 5.9 | 7,165 | 6,682 | 483 | 6.7 |
| Fayetteville | 48,542 | 47,274 | 1,268 | 2.6 | 49,630 | 48,212 | 1,418 | 2.9 | 46,455 | 45,095 | 1,360 | 2.9 |
| Fort Smith | 41,015 | 39,625 | 1,390 | 3.4 | 41,581 | 40,071 | 1,510 | 3.6 | 40,500 | 39,051 | 1,449 | 3.6 |
| Hot Springs | 14,633 | 14,019 | 614 | 4.2 | 15,024 | 14,311 | 713 | 4.7 | 14,162 | 13,499 | 663 | 4.7 |
| Jacksonville | 12,032 | 11,551 | 481 | 4.0 | 12,309 | 11,787 | 522 | 4.2 | 11,818 | 11,303 | 515 | 4.4 |
| Jonesboro | 38,040 | 36,877 | 1,163 | 3.1 | 38,848 | 37,587 | 1,261 | 3.2 | 36,864 | 35,686 | 1,178 | 3.2 |
| Little Rock | 99,252 | 96,055 | 3,197 | 3.2 | 101,443 | 98,018 | 3,425 | 3.4 | 97,460 | 93,991 | 3,469 | 3.6 |
| North Little Rock | 30,721 | 29,620 | 1,101 | 3.6 | 31,449 | 30,226 | 1,223 | 3.9 | 30,121 | 28,984 | 1,137 | 3.8 |
| Paragould | 12,413 | 11,961 | 452 | 3.6 | 12,706 | 12,151 | 555 | 4.4 | 12,387 | 11,848 | 539 | 4.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,192 | 16,207 | 985 | 5.7 | 17,511 | 16,426 | 1,085 | 6.2 | 17,256 | 16,055 | 1,201 | 7.0 |
| Rogers | 35,409 | 34,455 | 954 | 2.7 | 36,119 | 35,132 | 987 | 2.7 | 33,715 | 32,854 | 861 | 2.6 |
| Russellville | 13,588 | 13,031 | 557 | 4.1 | 13,606 | 12,980 | 626 | 4.6 | 13,431 | 12,837 | 594 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 10,558 | 10,151 | 407 | 3.9 | 10,490 | 10,043 | 447 | 4.3 | 10,404 | 9,946 | 458 | 4.4 |
| Sherwood | 15,990 | 15,532 | 458 | 2.9 | 16,357 | 15,850 | 507 | 3.1 | 15,707 | 15,199 | 508 | 3.2 |
| Springdale | 40,150 | 39,193 | 957 | 2.4 | 40,979 | 39,970 | 1,009 | 2.5 | 38,407 | 37,384 | 1,023 | 2.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 14,046 | 13,400 | 646 | 4.6 | 14,341 | 13,648 | 693 | 4.8 | 13,986 | 13,316 | 670 | 4.8 |
| Van Buren | 10,567 | 10,230 | 337 | 3.2 | 10,728 | 10,358 | 370 | 3.4 | 10,460 | 10,091 | 369 | 3.5 |
| West Memphis | 11,064 | 10,526 | 538 | 4.9 | 11,308 | 10,720 | 588 | 5.2 | 10,765 | 10,197 | 568 | 5.3 |

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| **County**  Arkansas | **CLF**  9,414 | **Emp**  9,146 | **Unemp**  268 | **Rate**  2.8 | **CLF**  9,564 | **Emp**  9,268 | **Unemp**  296 | **Rate**  3.1 | **CLF**  9,387 | **Emp**  9,087 | **Unemp**  300 | **Rate**  3.2 |
| Ashley | 7,739 | 7,323 | 416 | 5.4 | 7,814 | 7,355 | 459 | 5.9 | 7,641 | 7,136 | 505 | 6.6 |
| Baxter | 16,487 | 15,819 | 668 | 4.1 | 16,616 | 15,893 | 723 | 4.4 | 16,187 | 15,523 | 664 | 4.1 |
| Benton | 133,179 | 129,351 | 3,828 | 2.9 | 136,022 | 131,893 | 4,129 | 3.0 | 126,897 | 123,343 | 3,554 | 2.8 |
| Boone | 15,647 | 15,157 | 490 | 3.1 | 15,704 | 15,157 | 547 | 3.5 | 15,696 | 15,164 | 532 | 3.4 |
| Bradley | 4,427 | 4,239 | 188 | 4.2 | 4,485 | 4,283 | 202 | 4.5 | 4,233 | 3,967 | 266 | 6.3 |
| Calhoun | 2,397 | 2,309 | 88 | 3.7 | 2,462 | 2,357 | 105 | 4.3 | 2,379 | 2,258 | 121 | 5.1 |
| Carroll | 13,504 | 13,153 | 351 | 2.6 | 13,422 | 13,029 | 393 | 2.9 | 13,221 | 12,848 | 373 | 2.8 |
| Chicot | 3,604 | 3,406 | 198 | 5.5 | 3,624 | 3,409 | 215 | 5.9 | 3,581 | 3,364 | 217 | 6.1 |
| Clark | 9,672 | 9,301 | 371 | 3.8 | 9,586 | 9,158 | 428 | 4.5 | 9,373 | 8,934 | 439 | 4.7 |
| Clay | 5,899 | 5,649 | 250 | 4.2 | 5,937 | 5,652 | 285 | 4.8 | 6,091 | 5,781 | 310 | 5.1 |
| Cleburne | 9,351 | 8,930 | 421 | 4.5 | 9,502 | 9,037 | 465 | 4.9 | 9,532 | 8,982 | 550 | 5.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,327 | 3,183 | 144 | 4.3 | 3,407 | 3,250 | 157 | 4.6 | 3,319 | 3,169 | 150 | 4.5 |
| Columbia | 9,099 | 8,631 | 468 | 5.1 | 8,974 | 8,467 | 507 | 5.6 | 9,033 | 8,490 | 543 | 6.0 |
| Conway | 8,460 | 8,094 | 366 | 4.3 | 8,583 | 8,171 | 412 | 4.8 | 8,468 | 7,945 | 523 | 6.2 |
| Craighead | 54,065 | 52,456 | 1,609 | 3.0 | 55,237 | 53,467 | 1,770 | 3.2 | 52,435 | 50,763 | 1,672 | 3.2 |
| Crawford | 27,214 | 26,283 | 931 | 3.4 | 27,615 | 26,613 | 1,002 | 3.6 | 26,959 | 25,926 | 1,033 | 3.8 |
| Crittenden | 22,351 | 21,389 | 962 | 4.3 | 22,817 | 21,782 | 1,035 | 4.5 | 21,701 | 20,720 | 981 | 4.5 |
| Cross | 7,941 | 7,656 | 285 | 3.6 | 7,767 | 7,468 | 299 | 3.8 | 8,015 | 7,695 | 320 | 4.0 |
| Dallas | 3,013 | 2,880 | 133 | 4.4 | 3,079 | 2,929 | 150 | 4.9 | 2,901 | 2,746 | 155 | 5.3 |
| Desha | 5,426 | 5,190 | 236 | 4.3 | 5,381 | 5,101 | 280 | 5.2 | 5,486 | 5,200 | 286 | 5.2 |
| Drew | 7,660 | 7,267 | 393 | 5.1 | 7,764 | 7,336 | 428 | 5.5 | 7,539 | 7,077 | 462 | 6.1 |
| Faulkner | 61,817 | 59,868 | 1,949 | 3.2 | 63,298 | 61,149 | 2,149 | 3.4 | 60,943 | 58,639 | 2,304 | 3.8 |
| Franklin | 7,532 | 7,282 | 250 | 3.3 | 7,508 | 7,211 | 297 | 4.0 | 7,435 | 7,147 | 288 | 3.9 |
| Fulton | 4,608 | 4,416 | 192 | 4.2 | 4,710 | 4,499 | 211 | 4.5 | 4,525 | 4,342 | 183 | 4.0 |
| Garland | 41,888 | 40,313 | 1,575 | 3.8 | 42,923 | 41,153 | 1,770 | 4.1 | 40,510 | 38,818 | 1,692 | 4.2 |
| Grant | 8,492 | 8,232 | 260 | 3.1 | 8,704 | 8,419 | 285 | 3.3 | 8,340 | 8,067 | 273 | 3.3 |
| Greene | 19,806 | 19,129 | 677 | 3.4 | 20,232 | 19,432 | 800 | 4.0 | 19,743 | 18,948 | 795 | 4.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,908 | 9,572 | 336 | 3.4 | 10,033 | 9,667 | 366 | 3.6 | 9,710 | 9,344 | 366 | 3.8 |
| Hot Spring | 14,389 | 13,857 | 532 | 3.7 | 14,596 | 14,009 | 587 | 4.0 | 13,998 | 13,478 | 520 | 3.7 |
| Howard | 6,025 | 5,854 | 171 | 2.8 | 6,155 | 5,955 | 200 | 3.2 | 5,940 | 5,742 | 198 | 3.3 |
| Independence | 16,169 | 15,486 | 683 | 4.2 | 16,470 | 15,697 | 773 | 4.7 | 15,645 | 14,848 | 797 | 5.1 |
| Izard | 5,063 | 4,788 | 275 | 5.4 | 4,927 | 4,640 | 287 | 5.8 | 4,975 | 4,707 | 268 | 5.4 |
| Jackson | 6,017 | 5,690 | 327 | 5.4 | 6,081 | 5,731 | 350 | 5.8 | 6,067 | 5,698 | 369 | 6.1 |
| Jefferson | 28,659 | 27,209 | 1,450 | 5.1 | 29,165 | 27,577 | 1,588 | 5.4 | 28,664 | 26,955 | 1,709 | 6.0 |
| Johnson | 10,482 | 10,019 | 463 | 4.4 | 10,660 | 10,146 | 514 | 4.8 | 10,285 | 9,793 | 492 | 4.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,525 | 2,391 | 134 | 5.3 | 2,531 | 2,393 | 138 | 5.5 | 2,500 | 2,343 | 157 | 6.3 |
| Lawrence | 6,781 | 6,527 | 254 | 3.7 | 6,681 | 6,399 | 282 | 4.2 | 6,777 | 6,465 | 312 | 4.6 |
| Lee | 3,118 | 2,978 | 140 | 4.5 | 3,135 | 2,978 | 157 | 5.0 | 3,136 | 2,994 | 142 | 4.5 |
| Lincoln | 4,030 | 3,877 | 153 | 3.8 | 4,138 | 3,967 | 171 | 4.1 | 4,069 | 3,869 | 200 | 4.9 |
| Little River | 5,711 | 5,431 | 280 | 4.9 | 5,804 | 5,524 | 280 | 4.8 | 5,686 | 5,391 | 295 | 5.2 |
| Logan | 9,189 | 8,855 | 334 | 3.6 | 9,260 | 8,860 | 400 | 4.3 | 9,204 | 8,791 | 413 | 4.5 |
| Lonoke | 34,040 | 32,977 | 1,063 | 3.1 | 34,863 | 33,749 | 1,114 | 3.2 | 33,452 | 32,352 | 1,100 | 3.3 |
| Madison | 7,520 | 7,319 | 201 | 2.7 | 7,748 | 7,528 | 220 | 2.8 | 7,277 | 7,056 | 221 | 3.0 |
| Marion | 6,586 | 6,346 | 240 | 3.6 | 6,637 | 6,378 | 259 | 3.9 | 6,577 | 6,328 | 249 | 3.8 |
| Miller | 20,265 | 19,396 | 869 | 4.3 | 20,670 | 19,754 | 916 | 4.4 | 20,152 | 19,274 | 878 | 4.4 |

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| **County**  Mississippi | **CLF**  18,048 | **Emp**  16,983 | **Unemp**  1,065 | **Rate**  5.9 | **CLF**  18,295 | **Emp**  17,082 | **Unemp**  1,213 | **Rate**  6.6 | **CLF**  18,385 | **Emp**  17,093 | **Unemp**  1,292 | **Rate**  7.0 |
| Monroe | 2,901 | 2,788 | 113 | 3.9 | 2,903 | 2,779 | 124 | 4.3 | 2,888 | 2,753 | 135 | 4.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,156 | 3,017 | 139 | 4.4 | 3,305 | 3,147 | 158 | 4.8 | 3,085 | 2,938 | 147 | 4.8 |
| Nevada | 3,679 | 3,550 | 129 | 3.5 | 3,712 | 3,572 | 140 | 3.8 | 3,591 | 3,456 | 135 | 3.8 |
| Newton | 3,334 | 3,219 | 115 | 3.4 | 3,368 | 3,242 | 126 | 3.7 | 3,356 | 3,234 | 122 | 3.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,976 | 9,520 | 456 | 4.6 | 10,110 | 9,646 | 464 | 4.6 | 9,814 | 9,253 | 561 | 5.7 |
| Perry | 4,261 | 4,102 | 159 | 3.7 | 4,374 | 4,203 | 171 | 3.9 | 4,226 | 4,032 | 194 | 4.6 |
| Phillips | 6,544 | 6,175 | 369 | 5.6 | 6,506 | 6,107 | 399 | 6.1 | 6,642 | 6,269 | 373 | 5.6 |
| Pike | 4,347 | 4,183 | 164 | 3.8 | 4,312 | 4,133 | 179 | 4.2 | 4,169 | 4,007 | 162 | 3.9 |
| Poinsett | 10,516 | 10,076 | 440 | 4.2 | 10,772 | 10,327 | 445 | 4.1 | 10,243 | 9,805 | 438 | 4.3 |
| Polk | 8,080 | 7,753 | 327 | 4.0 | 8,108 | 7,724 | 384 | 4.7 | 8,184 | 7,796 | 388 | 4.7 |
| Pope | 29,302 | 27,911 | 1,391 | 4.7 | 29,332 | 27,802 | 1,530 | 5.2 | 28,886 | 27,495 | 1,391 | 4.8 |
| Prairie | 3,710 | 3,566 | 144 | 3.9 | 3,706 | 3,553 | 153 | 4.1 | 3,631 | 3,494 | 137 | 3.8 |
| Pulaski | 192,786 | 186,487 | 6,299 | 3.3 | 197,124 | 190,299 | 6,825 | 3.5 | 189,227 | 182,481 | 6,746 | 3.6 |
| Randolph | 6,889 | 6,614 | 275 | 4.0 | 6,866 | 6,577 | 289 | 4.2 | 6,677 | 6,389 | 288 | 4.3 |
| St. Francis | 8,949 | 8,533 | 416 | 4.6 | 8,854 | 8,402 | 452 | 5.1 | 9,091 | 8,636 | 455 | 5.0 |
| Saline | 58,052 | 56,398 | 1,654 | 2.8 | 59,389 | 57,559 | 1,830 | 3.1 | 56,934 | 55,197 | 1,737 | 3.1 |
| Scott | 4,521 | 4,369 | 152 | 3.4 | 4,632 | 4,460 | 172 | 3.7 | 4,465 | 4,300 | 165 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 3,051 | 2,913 | 138 | 4.5 | 2,916 | 2,769 | 147 | 5.0 | 3,153 | 3,020 | 133 | 4.2 |
| Sebastian | 58,924 | 56,887 | 2,037 | 3.5 | 59,702 | 57,528 | 2,174 | 3.6 | 58,164 | 56,064 | 2,100 | 3.6 |
| Sevier | 5,746 | 5,496 | 250 | 4.4 | 5,836 | 5,575 | 261 | 4.5 | 5,644 | 5,371 | 273 | 4.8 |
| Sharp | 6,044 | 5,776 | 268 | 4.4 | 6,175 | 5,874 | 301 | 4.9 | 5,960 | 5,651 | 309 | 5.2 |
| Stone | 4,790 | 4,581 | 209 | 4.4 | 4,778 | 4,554 | 224 | 4.7 | 4,802 | 4,570 | 232 | 4.8 |
| Union | 16,252 | 15,432 | 820 | 5.0 | 16,395 | 15,460 | 935 | 5.7 | 16,406 | 15,437 | 969 | 5.9 |
| Van Buren | 5,828 | 5,533 | 295 | 5.1 | 5,852 | 5,519 | 333 | 5.7 | 5,943 | 5,523 | 420 | 7.1 |
| Washington | 125,671 | 122,601 | 3,070 | 2.4 | 128,430 | 125,033 | 3,397 | 2.6 | 120,204 | 116,949 | 3,255 | 2.7 |
| White | 34,275 | 32,887 | 1,388 | 4.0 | 34,048 | 32,537 | 1,511 | 4.4 | 33,915 | 32,222 | 1,693 | 5.0 |
| Woodruff | 2,969 | 2,841 | 128 | 4.3 | 2,897 | 2,759 | 138 | 4.8 | 3,023 | 2,869 | 154 | 5.1 |
| Yell | 8,688 | 8,336 | 352 | 4.1 | 8,764 | 8,374 | 390 | 4.5 | 8,644 | 8,256 | 388 | 4.5 |

County Labor Force Summar y

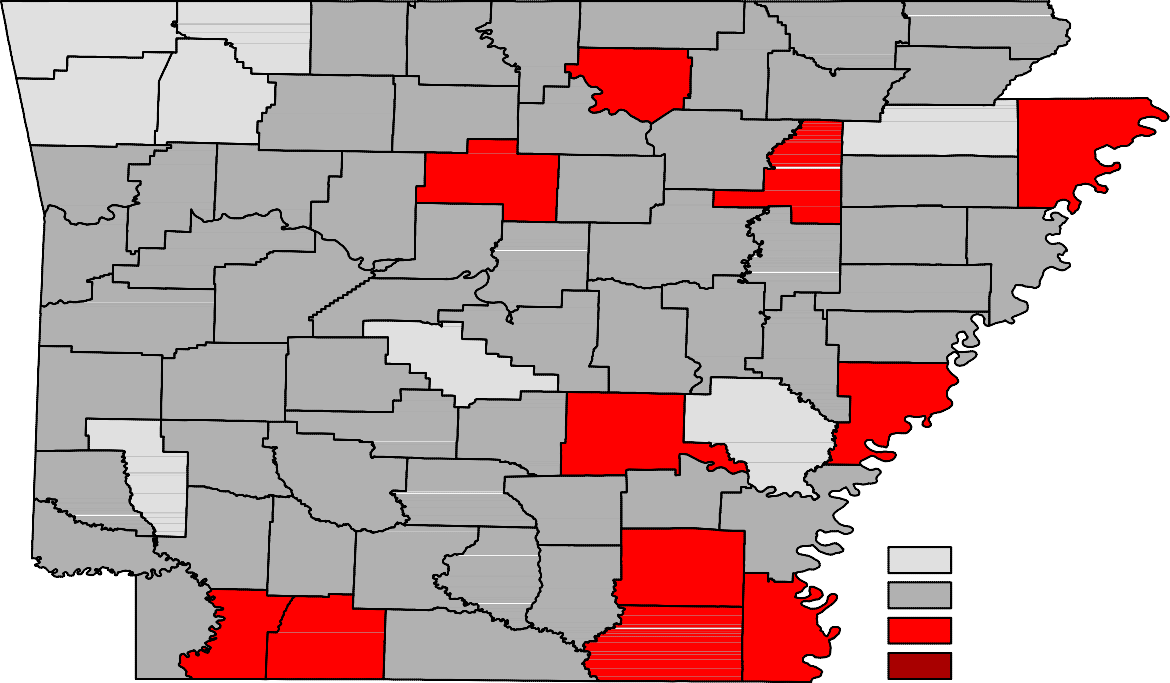
Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 72 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Two counties-- Little River and Poinsett-- increased slightly while Ouachita County was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.9 percent in Mississippi County.

In August, thirty-seven counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. This is up from 25 counties at or below four percent in July. For the sixth consecutive month, no county reported an unemployment rate above eight percent.

Compared to August 2016, jobless rates are down in sixty-six Arkansas counties. Five counties

were the same, while rates in four counties increased over the year.

Benton



Washington

Carroll

Madison

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Polk

Howard

Sevier

Little River

Montgomery

Pike

Hempstead

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Nevada

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

Miller

Lafayette

Ouachita

Columbia

Calhoun

Union

Bradley

Drew

Ashley

Chicot

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.4 | **Rank**  25 | **County**  Hot Spring | **Rate**  3.7 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Dallas | **Rate**  4.4 |
| 2 | Carroll | 2.6 | 25 | Lawrence | 3.7 | 51 | Johnson | 4.4 |
| 3 | Madison | 2.7 | 25 | Perry | 3.7 | 51 | Montgomery | 4.4 |
| 4 | Arkansas | 2.8 | 29 | Clark | 3.8 | 51 | Sevier | 4.4 |
| 4 | Howard | 2.8 | 29 | Garland | 3.8 | 51 | Sharp | 4.4 |
| 4 | Saline | 2.8 | 29 | Lincoln | 3.8 | 51 | Stone | 4.4 |
| 7 | Benton | 2.9 | 29 | Pike | 3.8 | 57 | Cleburne | 4.5 |
| 8 | Craighead | 3.0 | 33 | Monroe | 3.9 | 57 | Lee | 4.5 |
| 9 | Boone | 3.1 | 33 | Prairie | 3.9 | 57 | Searcy | 4.5 |
| 9 | Grant | 3.1 | 35 | Polk | 4.0 | 60 | Ouachita | 4.6 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 3.1 | 35 | Randolph | 4.0 | 60 | St. Francis | 4.6 |
| 12 | Faulkner | 3.2 | 35 | White | 4.0 | 62 | Pope | 4.7 |
| 13 | Franklin | 3.3 | 38 | Baxter | 4.1 | 63 | Little River | 4.9 |
| 13 | Pulaski | 3.3 | 38 | Yell | 4.1 | 64 | Union | 5.0 |
| 15 | Crawford | 3.4 | 40 | Bradley | 4.2 | 65 | Columbia | 5.1 |
| 15 | Greene | 3.4 | 40 | Clay | 4.2 | 65 | Drew | 5.1 |
| 15 | Hempstead | 3.4 | 40 | Fulton | 4.2 | 65 | Jefferson | 5.1 |
| 15 | Newton | 3.4 | 40 | Independence | 4.2 | 65 | Van Buren | 5.1 |
| 15 | Scott | 3.4 | 40 | Poinsett | 4.2 | 69 | Lafayette | 5.3 |
| 20 | Nevada | 3.5 | 45 | Cleveland | 4.3 | 70 | Ashley | 5.4 |
| 20 | Sebastian | 3.5 | 45 | Conway | 4.3 | 70 | Izard | 5.4 |
| 22 | Cross | 3.6 | 45 | Crittenden | 4.3 | 70 | Jackson | 5.4 |
| 22 | Logan | 3.6 | 45 | Desha | 4.3 | 73 | Chicot | 5.5 |
| 22 | Marion | 3.6 | 45 | Miller | 4.3 | 74 | Phillips | 5.6 |
| 25 | Calhoun | 3.7 | 45 | Woodruff | 4.3 | 75 | Mississippi | 5.9 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **August 2017**  **LWDA CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | **CLF** | **July 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **August 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 254,054 246,029 8,025 3.2 259,840 251,070 8,770 3.4 249,615 240,925 8,690 3.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Little Rock | 99,252 | 96,055 | 3,197 | 3.2 | 101,443 | 98,018 | 3,425 | 3.4 | 97,460 | 93,991 | 3,469 | 3.6 |
| Eastern | 48,903 | 46,731 | 2,172 | 4.4 | 49,079 | 46,737 | 2,342 | 4.8 | 48,585 | 46,314 | 2,271 | 4.7 |
| North Central | 95,114 | 90,928 | 4,186 | 4.4 | 95,440 | 90,847 | 4,593 | 4.8 | 94,387 | 89,412 | 4,975 | 5.3 |
| Northeast | 122,004 | 117,434 | 4,570 | 3.7 | 124,020 | 118,936 | 5,084 | 4.1 | 120,351 | 115,244 | 5,107 | 4.2 |
| Northwest | 324,979 | 315,878 | 9,101 | 2.8 | 330,863 | 320,922 | 9,941 | 3.0 | 312,568 | 303,465 | 9,103 | 2.9 |
| Southeast | 82,778 | 79,072 | 3,706 | 4.5 | 84,046 | 79,965 | 4,081 | 4.9 | 82,259 | 77,891 | 4,368 | 5.3 |
| Southwest | 94,596 | 90,462 | 4,134 | 4.4 | 95,761 | 91,299 | 4,462 | 4.7 | 93,756 | 89,105 | 4,651 | 5.0 |
| West Central | 134,645 | 129,133 | 5,512 | 4.1 | 136,435 | 130,296 | 6,139 | 4.5 | 131,644 | 125,696 | 5,948 | 4.5 |
| Western | 115,460 | 111,429 | 4,031 | 3.5 | 116,825 | 112,396 | 4,429 | 3.8 | 114,411 | 110,024 | 4,387 | 3.8 |



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