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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment 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 2017 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specifi criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 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 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 during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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## June Spotlight

**Local Employment Dynamics (LED)**

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is a coop- erative program between state labor market information agencies and the United States Census Bureau. The program combines statistical information from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program with existing census data to pro- duce quarterly information on employment trends. The program’s most popular output, the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI), provides information on employment activi- ties such as hiring, job creation, job separa- tion and turnover.

**Total Employment**- Total number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter.

**Net Job Flows**- Difference between current and previous

quarter employment at each business.

**Job Creation**- The number of new jobs created, either by new area businesses or by the expansion of existing businesses.

**New Hires**- Total number of accessions\* that were also not employed by the particular business during the pre- vious four quarters.

**Separations-** Total number of workers employed by a particular business during the current quarter, but not during the subsequent quarter.

**Turnover Rate**- Turnover rate = (1/2) x (accessions\* + separations), divided by total employment for all full quarter measures.

**Average Monthly Earnings**- Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter employees, divided by the number of full- quarter employees, divided by three.

\*Accessions are the total number of workers who were employed by a business during the current quarter, but not the previous quarter.

Because of the connection to QCEW sta- tistics, data produced by the LED program is particularly detailed but is only available on a quarterly basis. QWI are not only produced at the statewide level, but are also available for each county, Metropoli- tan Statistical Area, Workforce Investment Area, and many cities (based on population). Additionally, these employment indicators are produced and published by gender, age range, race/ethnicity, education level, and industry sector. All LED program infor- mation and statistics are available at [www.](http://www/) discover.arkansas.gov.

**Local Employment Dynamics**

State of Arkansas

3rd Quarter 2016 - 3rd Quarter 2017

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Indicator**Total Employment | **3rd Qtr 16**1,148,335 | **4th Qtr 16**1,180,774 | **1st Qtr 17**1,155,925 | **2nd Qtr 17**1,181,162 | **3rd Qtr 17**1,155,309 |
| Net Job Flows | 1,643 | -3,428 | 11,852 | 7,130 | N/A |
| Job Creation | 50,745 | 43,011 | 49,665 | 57,679 | N/A |
| New Hires | 240,166 | 203,950 | 195,793 | 236,707 | 228,658 |
| Separations | 238,533 | 207,573 | 183,890 | 229,581 | N/A |
| Turnover Rate | 9.0% | 9.5% | 9.3% | N/A | N/A |
| Avg Monthly Earnings | $3,551.00 | $3,705.00 | $3,835.00 | $3,643.00 | N/A |

## State of Arkansas

**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

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 remained stable at 3.8 percent between May and June. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 1,348, a result of 951 fewer employed and 397 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate rose two-tenths a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in May to 4.0 percent in June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate remained stable again at 3.8 percent in June. The U.S. jobless rate increased over-the-month, putting Arkansas two- tenths of a percentage point below the national average.”

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Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Jun 18**1,349,214 | **May 18**1,350,562 | **Jun 17**1,355,468 | Civilian Labor Force | **Jun 18**1,363,752 | **May 18**1,350,631 | **Jun 17**1,374,820 |
| Employment | 1,298,363 | 1,299,314 | 1,305,806 | Employment | 1,309,842 | 1,302,963 | 1,320,728 |
| Unemployment | 50,851 | 51,248 | 49,662 | Unemployment | 53,910 | 47,668 | 54,092 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.5 |

1,350,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

June: 1998 - 2018

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

'98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Jun 18**

**May 18**

**Jun 17**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1250.7 | 1255.6 | 1240.5 | -4.9 | 10.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 218.1 | 217.0 | 215.5 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 58.5 | 56.6 | 58.4 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Construction** | **53.0** | **51.1** | **52.4** | **1.9** | **0.6** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 32.1 | 30.7 | 32.6 | 1.4 | -0.5 |
| **Manufacturing** | **159.6** | **160.4** | **157.1** | **-0.8** | **2.5** |
| **Durable Goods** | 75.6 | 76.1 | 74.8 | -0.5 | 0.8 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.0 | 84.3 | 82.3 | -0.3 | 1.7 |
| **Service Providing** | 1032.6 | 1038.6 | 1025.0 | -6.0 | 7.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.9** | **251.7** | **250.6** | **-0.8** | **0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 46.7 | 46.9 | 47.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** | 140.6 | 141.2 | 140.3 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 63.6 | 63.6 | 63.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **12.3** | **12.3** | **13.3** | **0.0** | **-1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **54.1** | **53.4** | **53.5** | **0.7** | **0.6** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 40.2 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.9 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.8** | **148.6** | **142.7** | **1.2** | **7.1** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 43.3 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.2 | 34.5 | 35.5 | 0.7 | -0.3 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 71.3 | 71.5 | 64.8 | -0.2 | 6.5 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **187.6** | **189.1** | **185.6** | **-1.5** | **2.0** |
| **Educational Services** | 13.8 | 15.3 | 12.4 | -1.5 | 1.4 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 173.8 | 173.8 | 173.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 58.2 | 57.7 | 56.5 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| **Social Assistance** | 38.5 | 40.3 | 39.9 | -1.8 | -1.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **119.2** | **119.8** | **120.4** | **-0.6** | **-1.2** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 12.7 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 106.5 | 107.3 | 107.3 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 12.0 | 11.7 | 12.5 | 0.3 | -0.5 |
| **Food Services** | 94.5 | 95.6 | 94.8 | -1.1 | -0.3 |
| **Other Services** | **49.4** | **49.0** | **49.4** | **0.4** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **209.3** | **214.7** | **209.5** | **-5.4** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 19.6 | 19.6 | 20.1 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| **State Government** | 74.4 | 78.7 | 74.6 | -4.3 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 115.3 | 116.4 | 114.8 | -1.1 | 0.5 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### May 2018 - June 2018

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs declined 4,900 in June to total 1,250,700. Employment decreased in five major industry sectors, while four sectors expanded and two were unchanged. The largest drop oc- curred in **government** (-5,400). Losses in state (-4,300) and local (-1,100) government were seasonal, attributed to the start of summer break at public schools and universities. Employment in **educational and health services** declined 1,500. All decreases were in educational services (-1,500), as private schools also began closing for the summer. **Construction** added 1,900 jobs, a typical seasonal expan- sion. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 1,200. Hiring was reported in both professional-scientific-technical services (+700) and management of companies (+700).

### June 2017 - June 2018

Compared to June 2017, nonfarm payroll employment in Arkansas is up 10,200. Six major industry sectors posted growth, more than offsetting the losses in four sectors. The largest increase occurred in **professional and business services** (+7,100). A majority of the gains were in administrative and support services (+6,500), a subsector which includes activities such as temporary help services, land- scaping, and telephone call centers. **Manufacturing** added 2,500 jobs. Gains were posted in both nondurable goods (+1,700) and durable goods (+800) manufacturing. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 2,000. Most of the growth was in educational services (+1,400). Leisure and hospitality declined 1,200. Minor losses were posted in all subsectors. Jobs in **information** decreased 1,000. The subsector includes activities such as newspaper publishing, television broadcasting, and satellite tele- communications.

54,000

**Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2016 - June 2018

53,000

52,000

51,000

50,000

49,000

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

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2016 2017 2018

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.8 | 41.6 | 41.1 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 17.34 | 16.99 | 15.94 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 724.81 | 706.78 | 655.13 |

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jun 18 May 18**

**Jun 17**

Average Weekly Hours 40.6 41.4

Average Hourly Earnings 15.33 15.11

Average Weekly Earnings 622.40 625.55

40.5

14.44

584.82

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.3 | 41.9 | 41.7 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.61 | 19.22 | 17.64 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 849.11 | 805.32 | 735.59 |

$22.00

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

June: 2008 - 2018

$20.00

$18.00

$16.00

$14.00

$12.00

$10.00

$8.00

$6.00

$4.00

$2.00

$0.00

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## 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.

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 358,634 | 353,951 | 359,520 | 4,683 | -886 |
| **Employment** | 346,059 | 342,505 | 347,023 | 3,554 | -964 |
| **Unemployment** | 12,575 | 11,446 | 12,497 | 1,129 | 78 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

326.1

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| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Jun 18**363.4 | **May 18**363.5 | **Jun 17**358.6 | **OTM**-0.1 | **OT Y**4.8 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.9 | 37.4 | 38.3 | 0.5 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.6** | **17.2** | **17.9** | **0.4** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **20.3**325.5 | **20.2** | **20.4** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.0** | **70.1** | **69.8** | -0.6**-0.1** | 5.2**0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 15.1 | 15.2 | 15.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** | 38.7 | 38.9 | 38.8 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.2 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **6.1** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.2** | **21.1** | **21.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.8** | **49.1** | **46.8** | **-0.3** | **2.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **58.9** | **58.9** | **55.8** | **0.0** | **3.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **35.1** | **34.6** | **35.2** | **0.5** | **-0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **15.8** | **15.6** | **15.8** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **70.1** | **71.1** | **69.8** | **-1.0** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **State Government** | 34.2 | 35.1 | 33.9 | -0.9 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

320.3

**Unemployment Rates**

June: 2008 - 2018

8.0

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

June 2016 - June 2018

330,000

7.0

6.0

326,000

5.0

322,000

4.0

3.0

318,000

2.0

314,000

1.0

310,000

0.0

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

Jun '16

Dec '16

Jun '17

Dec '17

Jun '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 276,175 | 276,589 | 275,015 | -414 | 1,160 |
| **Employment** | 268,147 | 269,403 | 266,686 | -1,256 | 1,461 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,028 | 7,186 | 8,329 | 842 | -301 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

(In Thousands)

221.0

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Jun 18**258.2 | **May 18**262.4 | **Jun 17**252.0 | **OTM**-4.2 | **OT Y**6.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 41.8 | 41.4 | 39.9 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.3** | **12.0** | **11.3** | **0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **29.5**216.4 | **29.4** | **28.6** | **0.1**-4.6 | **0.9**4.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.4** | **56.4** | **56.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.3 | 26.3 | 26.7 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.6 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.8** | **1.8** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **7.9** | **7.9** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.8** | **51.0** | **49.7** | **-0.2** | **1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28.6** | **29.2** | **27.7** | **-0.6** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **27.1** | **28.6** | **25.7** | **-1.5** | **1.4** |
| **Other Services** | **9.0** | **9.0** | **9.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **34.7** | **37.1** | **33.8** | **-2.4** | **0.9** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 12.9 | 15.2 | 12.2 | -2.3 | 0.7 |
| **Local Government** | 19.3 | 19.4 | 19.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 |

212.1

**Over-the-Year Job Growth by Industry (Ranked)**

June 2017 - June 2018

Leisure & Hospitality

Professional & Business Services

Mining-Logging-Construction

Educational & Health Services

Government

Manufacturing

Financial Activities

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

Other Services

Information

-200 0 200 400 600 800 1,000 1,200 1,400 1,600

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

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

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,775 | 118,214 | 121,223 | 1,561 | -1,448 |
| **Employment** | 114,816 | 113,498 | 115,861 | 1,318 | -1,045 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,959 | 4,716 | 5,362 | 243 | -403 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 0.1 | -0.3 |

(In Thousands)

90.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Jun 18**112.9 | **May 18**112.7 | **Jun 17**112.7 | **OTM**0.2 | **OT Y**0.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 23.0 | 22.7 | 23.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.6** | **5.4** | **5.6** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **17.4**89.9 | **17.3** | **17.7** | **0.1**-0.1 | **-0.3** 0.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.6** | **22.6** | **22.8** |  0.0**0.0** | -0.2 |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.8** | **12.5** | **12.2** | **0.3** | **0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **16.9** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.7** | **9.7** | **9.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.5** | **4.4** | **4.5** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.5** | **19.1** | **18.2** | **-0.6** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.9 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.0 | -0.4 | 0.2 |

89.4

**Number of Unemployed**

June 2015 - June 2018

7,500

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

June: 2008 - 2018

92,000

7,000

91,000

6,500

6,000

90,000

89,000

88,000

5,500

87,000

5,000

86,000

4,500

85,000

4,000

84,000

83,000

3,500

82,000

3,000

Jun '15 Dec '15 Jun '16 Dec '16 Jun '17 Dec '17 Jun '18

81,000

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,737 | 40,207 | 41,465 | 530 | -728 |
| **Employment** | 38,964 | 38,651 | 39,691 | 313 | -727 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,773 | 1,556 | 1,774 | 217 | -1 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.5 | 38.5 | 38.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 33.8 | 33.9 | 34.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 |

39,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

June 2016 - June 2018

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,794 | 64,116 | 64,433 | 678 | 361 |
| **Employment** | 62,524 | 62,175 | 62,179 | 349 | 345 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,270 | 1,941 | 2,254 | 329 | 16 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 58.4 | 58.7 | 56.9 | -0.3 | 1.5 |
| 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 48.4 | 48.8 | 47.1 | -0.4 | 1.3 |
| 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.0 | -0.1 | 0.2 |

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**Jobs in Goods Providing Industries**

June: 2008 - 2018

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,199 | 34,824 | 35,741 | 375 | -542 |
| **Employment** | 33,240 | 33,131 | 33,817 | 109 | -577 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,959 | 1,693 | 1,924 | 266 | 35 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.6 | 33.0 | 32.6 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.6 | 27.0 | 26.5 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 |

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**Number of Employed**

January 2016 - June 2018

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

**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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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 654,114 | 638,620 | 636,416 | 15,494 | 17,698 |
| **Employment** | 622,262 | 614,339 | 605,935 | 7,923 | 16,327 |
| **Unemployment** | 31,852 | 24,281 | 30,481 | 7,571 | 1,371 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 0.1 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Jun 18** | **May 18** | **Jun 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,125 | 65,455 | 65,386 | 670 | 739 |
| **Employment** | 62,421 | 62,278 | 62,217 | 143 | 204 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,704 | 3,177 | 3,169 | 527 | 535 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |

630,000

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

June: 1998 - 2018

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**Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force**

June 2015 - June 2018

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## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| **Micro Area CLF** | **June 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2017****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,380 | 8,951 | 429 | 4.6 | 9,574 | 9,236 | 338 | 3.5 | 9,322 | 8,884 | 438 | 4.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,434 | 15,705 | 729 | 4.4 | 16,319 | 15,690 | 629 | 3.9 | 16,535 | 15,779 | 756 | 4.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,917 | 16,424 | 1,493 | 8.3 | 17,579 | 16,528 | 1,051 | 6.0 | 18,303 | 16,784 | 1,519 | 8.3 |
| Camden Micro | 12,299 | 11,704 | 595 | 4.8 | 12,128 | 11,584 | 544 | 4.5 | 12,402 | 11,840 | 562 | 4.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,340 | 15,319 | 1,021 | 6.2 | 16,012 | 15,157 | 855 | 5.3 | 16,547 | 15,569 | 978 | 5.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,345 | 7,885 | 460 | 5.5 | 8,182 | 7,763 | 419 | 5.1 | 8,638 | 8,168 | 470 | 5.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,527 | 18,862 | 665 | 3.4 | 19,251 | 18,620 | 631 | 3.3 | 19,805 | 19,145 | 660 | 3.3 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,654 | 6,229 | 425 | 6.4 | 6,552 | 6,162 | 390 | 6.0 | 6,841 | 6,443 | 398 | 5.8 |
| Hope Micro | 13,604 | 13,104 | 500 | 3.7 | 13,426 | 12,978 | 448 | 3.3 | 13,868 | 13,349 | 519 | 3.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,902 | 8,420 | 482 | 5.4 | 9,003 | 8,563 | 440 | 4.9 | 9,142 | 8,621 | 521 | 5.7 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,294 | 13,665 | 629 | 4.4 | 14,042 | 13,548 | 494 | 3.5 | 14,491 | 13,899 | 592 | 4.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,574 | 15,869 | 705 | 4.3 | 16,606 | 15,981 | 625 | 3.8 | 16,443 | 15,728 | 715 | 4.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,902 | 19,126 | 776 | 3.9 | 19,635 | 19,010 | 625 | 3.2 | 20,308 | 19,489 | 819 | 4.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,641 | 35,701 | 1,940 | 5.2 | 37,434 | 35,879 | 1,555 | 4.2 | 38,722 | 36,943 | 1,779 | 4.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,577 | 32,077 | 1,500 | 4.5 | 33,514 | 32,070 | 1,444 | 4.3 | 34,172 | 32,555 | 1,617 | 4.7 |

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

**City**

**CLF**

**June 2018**

**Emp Unemp**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**May 2018**

**Rate**

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**Emp Unemp Rate**

**June 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,522 | 12,027 | 495 | 4.0 | 12,518 | 12,081 | 437 | 3.5 | 12,448 | 11,961 | 487 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 17,445 | 16,873 | 572 | 3.3 | 17,193 | 16,699 | 494 | 2.9 | 17,438 | 16,904 | 534 | 3.1 |
| Bentonville | 25,669 | 24,934 | 735 | 2.9 | 25,717 | 25,046 | 671 | 2.6 | 25,670 | 24,798 | 872 | 3.4 |
| Blytheville | 6,150 | 5,593 | 557 | 9.1 | 6,000 | 5,628 | 372 | 6.2 | 6,294 | 5,715 | 579 | 9.2 |
| Cabot | 11,994 | 11,588 | 406 | 3.4 | 11,821 | 11,468 | 353 | 3.0 | 12,074 | 11,676 | 398 | 3.3 |
| Conway | 33,787 | 32,681 | 1,106 | 3.3 | 33,398 | 32,346 | 1,052 | 3.1 | 33,990 | 32,789 | 1,201 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado | 7,222 | 6,657 | 565 | 7.8 | 7,031 | 6,587 | 444 | 6.3 | 7,229 | 6,766 | 463 | 6.4 |
| Fayetteville | 47,882 | 46,489 | 1,393 | 2.9 | 47,932 | 46,697 | 1,235 | 2.6 | 47,686 | 46,239 | 1,447 | 3.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,714 | 38,247 | 1,467 | 3.7 | 39,285 | 37,845 | 1,440 | 3.7 | 40,357 | 38,856 | 1,501 | 3.7 |
| Hot Springs | 14,741 | 13,975 | 766 | 5.2 | 14,528 | 13,863 | 665 | 4.6 | 14,945 | 14,236 | 709 | 4.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,933 | 11,386 | 547 | 4.6 | 11,747 | 11,269 | 478 | 4.1 | 11,929 | 11,406 | 523 | 4.4 |
| Jonesboro | 38,231 | 36,921 | 1,310 | 3.4 | 37,850 | 36,718 | 1,132 | 3.0 | 37,928 | 36,649 | 1,279 | 3.4 |
| Little Rock | 98,939 | 95,359 | 3,580 | 3.6 | 97,624 | 94,380 | 3,244 | 3.3 | 99,002 | 95,524 | 3,478 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 30,363 | 29,225 | 1,138 | 3.7 | 30,031 | 28,925 | 1,106 | 3.7 | 30,475 | 29,275 | 1,200 | 3.9 |
| Paragould | 12,504 | 11,993 | 511 | 4.1 | 12,319 | 11,920 | 399 | 3.2 | 12,781 | 12,221 | 560 | 4.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,856 | 15,681 | 1,175 | 7.0 | 16,583 | 15,633 | 950 | 5.7 | 17,012 | 15,909 | 1,103 | 6.5 |
| Rogers | 35,368 | 34,458 | 910 | 2.6 | 35,450 | 34,613 | 837 | 2.4 | 35,290 | 34,270 | 1,020 | 2.9 |
| Russellville | 13,611 | 12,974 | 637 | 4.7 | 13,557 | 13,042 | 515 | 3.8 | 13,999 | 13,393 | 606 | 4.3 |
| Searcy | 10,399 | 9,938 | 461 | 4.4 | 10,358 | 9,936 | 422 | 4.1 | 10,556 | 10,086 | 470 | 4.5 |
| Sherwood | 15,972 | 15,447 | 525 | 3.3 | 15,743 | 15,288 | 455 | 2.9 | 15,979 | 15,474 | 505 | 3.2 |
| Springdale | 39,513 | 38,422 | 1,091 | 2.8 | 39,585 | 38,593 | 992 | 2.5 | 39,229 | 38,215 | 1,014 | 2.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 14,116 | 13,234 | 882 | 6.2 | 13,788 | 13,071 | 717 | 5.2 | 14,088 | 13,348 | 740 | 5.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,391 | 10,008 | 383 | 3.7 | 10,293 | 9,902 | 391 | 3.8 | 10,565 | 10,191 | 374 | 3.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,957 | 10,399 | 558 | 5.1 | 10,752 | 10,258 | 494 | 4.6 | 10,960 | 10,365 | 595 | 5.4 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| **County CLF** | **June 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2017 Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,922 | 8,608 | 314 | 3.5 | 8,762 | 8,486 | 276 | 3.1 | 9,216 | 8,914 | 302 | 3.3 |
| Ashley | 7,881 | 7,452 | 429 | 5.4 | 7,809 | 7,402 | 407 | 5.2 | 7,769 | 7,295 | 474 | 6.1 |
| Baxter | 16,574 | 15,869 | 705 | 4.3 | 16,606 | 15,981 | 625 | 3.8 | 16,443 | 15,728 | 715 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 133,967 | 130,000 | 3,967 | 3.0 | 134,195 | 130,584 | 3,611 | 2.7 | 133,523 | 129,288 | 4,235 | 3.2 |
| Boone | 16,115 | 15,557 | 558 | 3.5 | 15,892 | 15,357 | 535 | 3.4 | 16,306 | 15,766 | 540 | 3.3 |
| Bradley | 4,549 | 4,342 | 207 | 4.6 | 4,443 | 4,263 | 180 | 4.1 | 4,509 | 4,300 | 209 | 4.6 |
| Calhoun | 2,379 | 2,275 | 104 | 4.4 | 2,339 | 2,251 | 88 | 3.8 | 2,422 | 2,325 | 97 | 4.0 |
| Carroll | 13,263 | 12,882 | 381 | 2.9 | 13,045 | 12,688 | 357 | 2.7 | 13,621 | 13,213 | 408 | 3.0 |
| Chicot | 3,468 | 3,243 | 225 | 6.5 | 3,431 | 3,209 | 222 | 6.5 | 3,550 | 3,325 | 225 | 6.3 |
| Clark | 9,380 | 8,951 | 429 | 4.6 | 9,574 | 9,236 | 338 | 3.5 | 9,322 | 8,884 | 438 | 4.7 |
| Clay | 5,867 | 5,600 | 267 | 4.6 | 5,766 | 5,554 | 212 | 3.7 | 6,104 | 5,827 | 277 | 4.5 |
| Cleburne | 9,364 | 8,951 | 413 | 4.4 | 9,175 | 8,764 | 411 | 4.5 | 9,677 | 9,227 | 450 | 4.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,261 | 3,124 | 137 | 4.2 | 3,243 | 3,112 | 131 | 4.0 | 3,367 | 3,207 | 160 | 4.8 |
| Columbia | 8,902 | 8,420 | 482 | 5.4 | 9,003 | 8,563 | 440 | 4.9 | 9,142 | 8,621 | 521 | 5.7 |
| Conway | 8,214 | 7,826 | 388 | 4.7 | 8,068 | 7,722 | 346 | 4.3 | 8,457 | 8,039 | 418 | 4.9 |
| Craighead | 54,378 | 52,565 | 1,813 | 3.3 | 53,851 | 52,276 | 1,575 | 2.9 | 53,962 | 52,178 | 1,784 | 3.3 |
| Crawford | 26,629 | 25,630 | 999 | 3.8 | 26,276 | 25,359 | 917 | 3.5 | 27,125 | 26,098 | 1,027 | 3.8 |
| Crittenden | 22,119 | 21,051 | 1,068 | 4.8 | 21,691 | 20,766 | 925 | 4.3 | 22,032 | 20,982 | 1,050 | 4.8 |
| Cross | 7,610 | 7,299 | 311 | 4.1 | 7,465 | 7,194 | 271 | 3.6 | 8,006 | 7,682 | 324 | 4.0 |
| Dallas | 2,889 | 2,748 | 141 | 4.9 | 2,841 | 2,716 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,958 | 2,811 | 147 | 5.0 |
| Desha | 5,532 | 5,276 | 256 | 4.6 | 5,437 | 5,199 | 238 | 4.4 | 5,652 | 5,361 | 291 | 5.1 |
| Drew | 7,980 | 7,569 | 411 | 5.2 | 8,011 | 7,651 | 360 | 4.5 | 7,930 | 7,497 | 433 | 5.5 |
| Faulkner | 61,728 | 59,618 | 2,110 | 3.4 | 60,959 | 59,007 | 1,952 | 3.2 | 62,000 | 59,815 | 2,185 | 3.5 |
| Franklin | 7,437 | 7,155 | 282 | 3.8 | 7,344 | 7,094 | 250 | 3.4 | 7,620 | 7,342 | 278 | 3.6 |
| Fulton | 4,954 | 4,754 | 200 | 4.0 | 4,866 | 4,688 | 178 | 3.7 | 4,969 | 4,767 | 202 | 4.1 |
| Garland | 40,737 | 38,964 | 1,773 | 4.4 | 40,207 | 38,651 | 1,556 | 3.9 | 41,465 | 39,691 | 1,774 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 8,418 | 8,140 | 278 | 3.3 | 8,293 | 8,055 | 238 | 2.9 | 8,485 | 8,196 | 289 | 3.4 |
| Greene | 19,902 | 19,126 | 776 | 3.9 | 19,635 | 19,010 | 625 | 3.2 | 20,308 | 19,489 | 819 | 4.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,950 | 9,594 | 356 | 3.6 | 9,830 | 9,502 | 328 | 3.3 | 10,161 | 9,789 | 372 | 3.7 |
| Hot Spring | 14,294 | 13,665 | 629 | 4.4 | 14,042 | 13,548 | 494 | 3.5 | 14,491 | 13,899 | 592 | 4.1 |
| Howard | 6,331 | 6,099 | 232 | 3.7 | 6,253 | 6,067 | 186 | 3.0 | 6,177 | 5,968 | 209 | 3.4 |
| Independence | 16,434 | 15,705 | 729 | 4.4 | 16,319 | 15,690 | 629 | 3.9 | 16,535 | 15,779 | 756 | 4.6 |
| Izard | 4,789 | 4,491 | 298 | 6.2 | 4,822 | 4,577 | 245 | 5.1 | 4,911 | 4,630 | 281 | 5.7 |
| Jackson | 5,854 | 5,491 | 363 | 6.2 | 5,773 | 5,462 | 311 | 5.4 | 6,075 | 5,719 | 356 | 5.9 |
| Jefferson | 27,940 | 26,305 | 1,635 | 5.9 | 27,621 | 26,224 | 1,397 | 5.1 | 28,279 | 26,688 | 1,591 | 5.6 |
| Johnson | 10,609 | 10,071 | 538 | 5.1 | 10,468 | 10,031 | 437 | 4.2 | 10,853 | 10,369 | 484 | 4.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,526 | 2,382 | 144 | 5.7 | 2,501 | 2,381 | 120 | 4.8 | 2,571 | 2,428 | 143 | 5.6 |
| Lawrence | 6,769 | 6,469 | 300 | 4.4 | 6,853 | 6,605 | 248 | 3.6 | 6,917 | 6,639 | 278 | 4.0 |
| Lee | 2,935 | 2,785 | 150 | 5.1 | 2,894 | 2,769 | 125 | 4.3 | 3,051 | 2,899 | 152 | 5.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,998 | 3,811 | 187 | 4.7 | 3,960 | 3,795 | 165 | 4.2 | 4,095 | 3,922 | 173 | 4.2 |
| Little River | 5,708 | 5,364 | 344 | 6.0 | 5,586 | 5,295 | 291 | 5.2 | 5,695 | 5,405 | 290 | 5.1 |
| Logan | 8,914 | 8,533 | 381 | 4.3 | 8,780 | 8,439 | 341 | 3.9 | 9,180 | 8,803 | 377 | 4.1 |
| Lonoke | 34,068 | 32,929 | 1,139 | 3.3 | 33,596 | 32,589 | 1,007 | 3.0 | 34,324 | 33,178 | 1,146 | 3.3 |
| Madison | 7,495 | 7,276 | 219 | 2.9 | 7,489 | 7,295 | 194 | 2.6 | 7,588 | 7,366 | 222 | 2.9 |
| Marion | 6,598 | 6,331 | 267 | 4.0 | 6,524 | 6,277 | 247 | 3.8 | 6,654 | 6,391 | 263 | 4.0 |
| Miller | 20,258 | 19,146 | 1,112 | 5.5 | 19,868 | 18,910 | 958 | 4.8 | 20,280 | 19,311 | 969 | 4.8 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| **County CLF** | **June 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2017****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,917 | 16,424 | 1,493 | 8.3 | 17,579 | 16,528 | 1,051 | 6.0 | 18,303 | 16,784 | 1,519 | 8.3 |
| Monroe | 2,820 | 2,676 | 144 | 5.1 | 2,762 | 2,649 | 113 | 4.1 | 2,937 | 2,817 | 120 | 4.1 |
| Montgomery | 3,220 | 3,064 | 156 | 4.8 | 3,064 | 2,931 | 133 | 4.3 | 3,328 | 3,169 | 159 | 4.8 |
| Nevada | 3,654 | 3,510 | 144 | 3.9 | 3,596 | 3,476 | 120 | 3.3 | 3,707 | 3,560 | 147 | 4.0 |
| Newton | 3,412 | 3,305 | 107 | 3.1 | 3,359 | 3,263 | 96 | 2.9 | 3,499 | 3,379 | 120 | 3.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,920 | 9,429 | 491 | 4.9 | 9,789 | 9,333 | 456 | 4.7 | 9,980 | 9,515 | 465 | 4.7 |
| Perry | 4,225 | 4,044 | 181 | 4.3 | 4,169 | 4,003 | 166 | 4.0 | 4,254 | 4,081 | 173 | 4.1 |
| Phillips | 6,654 | 6,229 | 425 | 6.4 | 6,552 | 6,162 | 390 | 6.0 | 6,841 | 6,443 | 398 | 5.8 |
| Pike | 4,494 | 4,297 | 197 | 4.4 | 4,407 | 4,238 | 169 | 3.8 | 4,488 | 4,296 | 192 | 4.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,416 | 9,959 | 457 | 4.4 | 10,265 | 9,899 | 366 | 3.6 | 10,471 | 10,001 | 470 | 4.5 |
| Polk | 8,130 | 7,755 | 375 | 4.6 | 7,954 | 7,634 | 320 | 4.0 | 8,318 | 7,946 | 372 | 4.5 |
| Pope | 29,102 | 27,565 | 1,537 | 5.3 | 28,925 | 27,711 | 1,214 | 4.2 | 29,860 | 28,456 | 1,404 | 4.7 |
| Prairie | 3,643 | 3,511 | 132 | 3.6 | 3,601 | 3,482 | 119 | 3.3 | 3,858 | 3,703 | 155 | 4.0 |
| Pulaski | 191,842 | 184,897 | 6,945 | 3.6 | 189,361 | 183,000 | 6,361 | 3.4 | 192,071 | 185,217 | 6,854 | 3.6 |
| Randolph | 7,029 | 6,713 | 316 | 4.5 | 6,947 | 6,689 | 258 | 3.7 | 7,040 | 6,741 | 299 | 4.2 |
| St. Francis | 8,345 | 7,885 | 460 | 5.5 | 8,182 | 7,763 | 419 | 5.1 | 8,638 | 8,168 | 470 | 5.4 |
| Saline | 58,353 | 56,431 | 1,922 | 3.3 | 57,573 | 55,851 | 1,722 | 3.0 | 58,386 | 56,536 | 1,850 | 3.2 |
| Scott | 4,456 | 4,284 | 172 | 3.9 | 4,374 | 4,220 | 154 | 3.5 | 4,577 | 4,421 | 156 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 3,040 | 2,912 | 128 | 4.2 | 2,930 | 2,817 | 113 | 3.9 | 3,110 | 2,970 | 140 | 4.5 |
| Sebastian | 57,055 | 54,954 | 2,101 | 3.7 | 56,395 | 54,376 | 2,019 | 3.6 | 58,042 | 55,829 | 2,213 | 3.8 |
| Sevier | 5,689 | 5,423 | 266 | 4.7 | 5,656 | 5,414 | 242 | 4.3 | 5,796 | 5,534 | 262 | 4.5 |
| Sharp | 6,160 | 5,862 | 298 | 4.8 | 6,009 | 5,761 | 248 | 4.1 | 6,283 | 5,969 | 314 | 5.0 |
| Stone | 4,894 | 4,688 | 206 | 4.2 | 4,763 | 4,571 | 192 | 4.0 | 5,071 | 4,834 | 237 | 4.7 |
| Union | 16,340 | 15,319 | 1,021 | 6.2 | 16,012 | 15,157 | 855 | 5.3 | 16,547 | 15,569 | 978 | 5.9 |
| Van Buren | 6,116 | 5,796 | 320 | 5.2 | 6,013 | 5,713 | 300 | 5.0 | 6,284 | 5,954 | 330 | 5.3 |
| Washington | 123,928 | 120,492 | 3,436 | 2.8 | 124,085 | 121,032 | 3,053 | 2.5 | 123,278 | 119,845 | 3,433 | 2.8 |
| White | 33,577 | 32,077 | 1,500 | 4.5 | 33,514 | 32,070 | 1,444 | 4.3 | 34,172 | 32,555 | 1,617 | 4.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,899 | 2,765 | 134 | 4.6 | 2,874 | 2,752 | 122 | 4.2 | 3,041 | 2,898 | 143 | 4.7 |
| Yell | 8,539 | 8,136 | 403 | 4.7 | 8,509 | 8,168 | 341 | 4.0 | 8,862 | 8,487 | 375 | 4.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in 73 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. The rate in Cleburne County declined slightly, while Chicot County was unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.3 percent in Missis- sippi County.

In June, twenty-four counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 43 counties at or below four percent in May. For the first time in three months, one county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to June 2017, unemployment rates are up in 35 Arkansas counties. Rates in twenty-

eight counties were down over-the-year, while twelve counties were the same.

## County Unemployment Rates

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Independence**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Jackson**

**Franklin**

**Cleburne**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Cross**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Crittenden**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Yell**

**St. Francis**

**Perry**

**Scott**

**Prairie**

**Pulaski Lonoke**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Polk**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring**

**Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Howard**

**Clark**

**Sevier**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

June 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**1 | **County**Washington | **Rate**2.8 | **Rank**26 | **County**Cleveland | **Rate**4.2 | **Rank**48 | **County**Yell | **Rate**4.7 |
| 2 | Carroll | 2.9 | 26 | Searcy | 4.2 | 52 | Crittenden | 4.8 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.9 | 26 | Stone | 4.2 | 52 | Montgomery | 4.8 |
| 4 | Benton | 3.0 | 29 | Baxter | 4.3 | 52 | Sharp | 4.8 |
| 5 | Newton | 3.1 | 29 | Logan | 4.3 | 55 | Dallas | 4.9 |
| 6 | Craighead | 3.3 | 29 | Perry | 4.3 | 55 | Ouachita | 4.9 |
| 6 | Grant | 3.3 | 32 | Calhoun | 4.4 | 57 | Johnson | 5.1 |
| 6 | Lonoke | 3.3 | 32 | Cleburne | 4.4 | 57 | Lee | 5.1 |
| 6 | Saline | 3.3 | 32 | Garland | 4.4 | 57 | Monroe | 5.1 |
| 10 | Faulkner | 3.4 | 32 | Hot Spring | 4.4 | 60 | Drew | 5.2 |
| 11 | Arkansas | 3.5 | 32 | Independence | 4.4 | 60 | Van Buren | 5.2 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.5 | 32 | Lawrence | 4.4 | 62 | Pope | 5.3 |
| 13 | Hempstead | 3.6 | 32 | Pike | 4.4 | 63 | Ashley | 5.4 |
| 13 | Prairie | 3.6 | 32 | Poinsett | 4.4 | 63 | Columbia | 5.4 |
| 13 | Pulaski | 3.6 | 40 | Randolph | 4.5 | 65 | Miller | 5.5 |
| 16 | Howard | 3.7 | 40 | White | 4.5 | 65 | St. Francis | 5.5 |
| 16 | Sebastian | 3.7 | 42 | Bradley | 4.6 | 67 | Lafayette | 5.7 |
| 18 | Crawford | 3.8 | 42 | Clark | 4.6 | 68 | Jefferson | 5.9 |
| 18 | Franklin | 3.8 | 42 | Clay | 4.6 | 69 | Little River | 6.0 |
| 20 | Greene | 3.9 | 42 | Desha | 4.6 | 70 | Izard | 6.2 |
| 20 | Nevada | 3.9 | 42 | Polk | 4.6 | 70 | Jackson | 6.2 |
| 20 | Scott | 3.9 | 42 | Woodruff | 4.6 | 70 | Union | 6.2 |
| 23 | Fulton | 4.0 | 48 | Conway | 4.7 | 73 | Phillips | 6.4 |
| 23 | Marion | 4.0 | 48 | Lincoln | 4.7 | 74 | Chicot | 6.5 |
| 25 | Cross | 4.1 | 48 | Sevier | 4.7 | 75 | Mississippi | 8.3 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | **June 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2017****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 253,515 | 244,703 | 8,812 | 3.5 | 250,228 | 242,198 | 8,030 | 3.2 | 254,574 | 245,742 | 8,832 | 3.5 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,939 | 95,359 | 3,580 | 3.6 | 97,624 | 94,380 | 3,244 | 3.3 | 99,002 | 95,524 | 3,478 | 3.5 |
| Eastern | 47,663 | 45,249 | 2,414 | 5.1 | 46,784 | 44,654 | 2,130 | 4.6 | 48,568 | 46,174 | 2,394 | 4.9 |
| North Central | 95,041 | 90,580 | 4,461 | 4.7 | 94,128 | 90,048 | 4,080 | 4.3 | 97,018 | 92,332 | 4,686 | 4.8 |
| Northeast | 122,278 | 116,856 | 5,422 | 4.4 | 120,896 | 116,561 | 4,335 | 3.6 | 123,105 | 117,659 | 5,446 | 4.4 |
| Northwest | 324,392 | 314,624 | 9,768 | 3.0 | 324,125 | 315,294 | 8,831 | 2.7 | 324,022 | 313,946 | 10,076 | 3.1 |
| Southeast | 81,949 | 77,870 | 4,079 | 5.0 | 81,010 | 77,396 | 3,614 | 4.5 | 82,852 | 78,705 | 4,147 | 5.0 |
| Southwest | 94,546 | 89,709 | 4,837 | 5.1 | 93,274 | 89,065 | 4,209 | 4.5 | 95,436 | 90,836 | 4,600 | 4.8 |
| West Central | 132,814 | 126,583 | 6,231 | 4.7 | 131,433 | 126,239 | 5,194 | 4.0 | 135,380 | 129,371 | 6,009 | 4.4 |
| Western | 112,621 | 108,311 | 4,310 | 3.8 | 111,123 | 107,122 | 4,001 | 3.6 | 114,862 | 110,439 | 4,423 | 3.9 |

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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western