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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department 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 2020 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 Areas

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 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 1,000 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 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.



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July Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between June and July, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 17 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates were unchanged in 33 states. In July, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Nebraska to a high of 7.7 percent in Nevada. Arkansas ranked 19th, with a jobless rate of 4.3 percent. Thirty-one states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 5.4 percent.

Compared to July 2020, unemployment rates have declined in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The largest rate decrease over-the-year occurred in Nevada, down eight and nine-tenths of a percentage point. The smallest rate declines were in Kentucky and Colorado, down one and two-tenths and one and three-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Arkansas' unemployment rate is down from 7.1 percent in July 2020.

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Nebraska	2.3	17	Virginia	4.2	35	Maryland	6.0
2	Utah	2.6	19	Arkansas	4.3	36	Colorado	6.1
3	New Hampshire	2.9	19	South Carolina	4.3	36	Mississippi	6.1
3	South Dakota	2.9	21	Kentucky	4.4	38	Texas	6.2
5	Idaho	3.0	21	North Carolina	4.4	39	Alaska	6.6
5	Vermont	3.0	23	Tennessee	4.7	39	Arizona	6.6
7	Alabama	3.2	24	Michigan	4.8	39	Louisiana	6.6
8	Oklahoma	3.5	25	Maine	4.9	39	Pennsylvania	6.6
9	Montana	3.6	25	Massachusetts	4.9	43	District of Columbia	6.7
10	Georgia	3.7	27	West Virginia	5.0	44	Illinois	7.1
11	Kansas	3.8	28	Florida	5.1	45	Connecticut	7.3
12	Minnesota	3.9	28	Washington	5.1	45	Hawaii	7.3
12	North Dakota	3.9	30	Oregon	5.2	45	New Jersey	7.3
12	Wisconsin	3.9	30	Wyoming	5.2	48	California	7.6
15	Indiana	4.1	32	Ohio	5.4	48	New Mexico	7.6
15	Iowa	4.1	33	Delaware	5.6	48	New York	7.6
17	Missouri	4.2	34	Rhode Island	5.8	51	Nevada	7.7

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 5.4 Percent



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

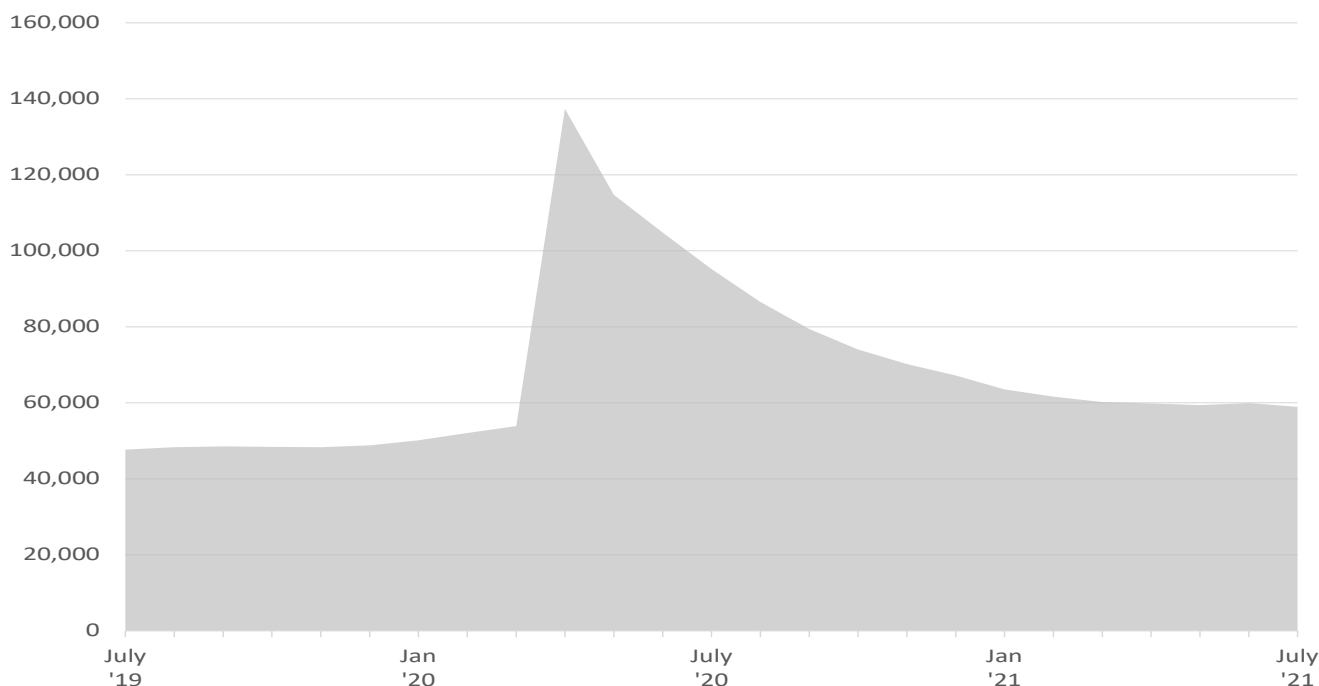
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.4 percent in June to 4.3 percent in July. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 2,542, a result of 1,591 fewer employed and 951 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate dropped five-tenths of a percentage point, from 5.9 percent in June to 5.4 percent in July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The unemployment rate in Arkansas declined slightly in July, down to 4.3 percent. Arkansas' jobless rate is down from 7.1 percent in July 2020 and there are 47,475 more employed Arkansans compared to this time last year."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>		<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,355,630	1,358,172	1,344,406	Civilian Labor Force	1,369,781	1,378,507	1,356,900
Employment	1,296,670	1,298,261	1,249,195	Employment	1,306,833	1,309,206	1,254,668
Unemployment	58,960	59,911	95,211	Unemployment	62,948	69,301	102,232
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.4	7.1	Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.0	7.5
U.S. Unemployment	5.4	5.9	10.2	U.S. Unemployment	5.7	6.1	10.5

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)
July 2019 - July 2021



**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1256.9	1271.8	1208.1	-14.9	48.8
Goods Producing	219.8	221.1	209.9	-1.3	9.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.2	59.8	58.7	-1.6	-0.5
Mining & Logging	5.5	5.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
Construction	52.7	54.3	53.3	-1.6	-0.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.1	34.6	33.9	-1.5	-0.8
Manufacturing	161.6	161.3	151.2	0.3	10.4
Durable Goods	82.7	82.3	70.8	0.4	11.9
Nondurable Goods	78.9	79.0	80.4	-0.1	-1.5
Service Providing	1037.1	1050.7	998.2	-13.6	38.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	249.9	252.1	245.6	-2.2	4.3
Wholesale Trade	46.7	47.1	45.9	-0.4	0.8
Retail Trade	137.9	138.9	135.5	-1.0	2.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.3	66.1	64.2	-0.8	1.1
Information	12.5	12.4	11.3	0.1	1.2
Financial Activities	67.3	66.2	63.9	1.1	3.4
Finance & Insurance	53.3	52.6	50.2	0.7	3.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.0	13.6	13.7	0.4	0.3
Professional & Business Services	146.7	146.9	133.7	-0.2	13.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.6	43.3	42.2	0.3	1.4
Management of Companies	34.5	34.0	33.5	0.5	1.0
Administrative & Support Services	68.6	69.6	58.0	-1.0	10.6
Educational & Health Services	186.7	187.7	180.7	-1.0	6.0
Educational Services	14.2	14.6	11.7	-0.4	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.5	173.1	169.0	-0.6	3.5
Ambulatory Health Care	60.7	59.8	58.5	0.9	2.2
Social Assistance	35.9	36.5	35.5	-0.6	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	115.6	116.5	105.8	-0.9	9.8
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14.0	13.9	10.8	0.1	3.2
Accommodation & Food Services	101.6	102.6	95.0	-1.0	6.6
Accommodation Services	10.5	10.7	9.4	-0.2	1.1
Food Services	91.1	91.9	85.6	-0.8	5.5
Other Services	68.0	67.9	64.8	0.1	3.2
Government	190.4	201.0	192.4	-10.6	-2.0
Federal Government	20.6	20.6	20.8	0.0	-0.2
State Government	71.6	72.8	70.8	-1.2	0.8
State Gov, Educational Services	25.0	26.3	23.8	-1.3	1.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.6	46.5	47.0	0.1	-0.4
Local Government	98.2	107.6	100.8	-9.4	-2.6
Local Gov, Educational Services	53.5	63.1	57.1	-9.6	-3.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	44.7	44.5	43.7	0.2	1.0

**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

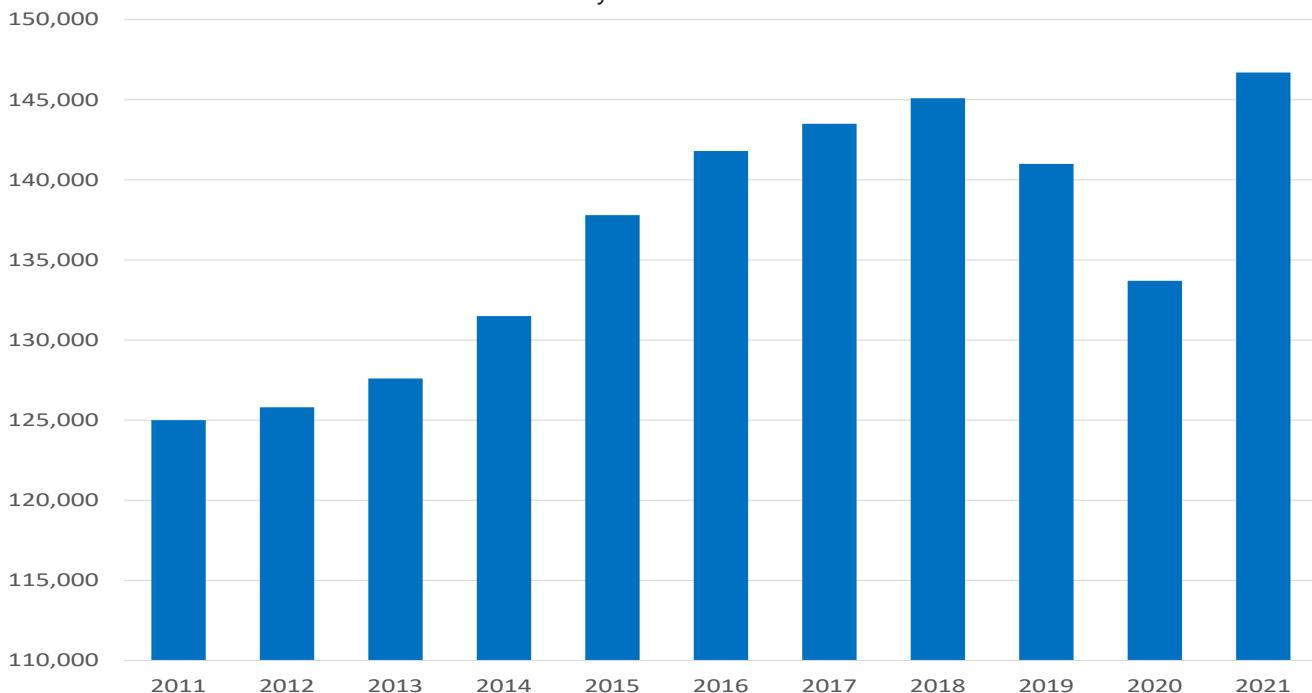
June 2021 - July 2021

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 14,900 in July to total 1,256,900. Losses were posted in six major industry sectors, while four sectors added jobs. Employment in **government** fell 10,600. Most of the contraction occurred in local government-educational services (-9,600), as teachers and staff at public schools began summer break. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** declined 2,200. Losses were reported in all subsectors. **Construction** dropped 1,600, mostly in specialty trade contractors (-1,500). Jobs in **educational and health services** decreased 1,000, related in part to summer break at private schools and the seasonal closures of after school programs. Jobs in **financial services** increased 1,100, with gains in finance-insurance (+700) and real estate-rental-leasing (+400).

July 2020 - July 2021

Compared to July 2020, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 48,800. Nine major industry sectors reported job growth, with seven sectors adding 3,200 or more jobs, each. **Professional and business services** posted the largest increase, up 13,000. Most of the hiring was in administrative and support services (+10,600), which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 10,400, all in durable goods manufacturing (+11,900). **Leisure and hospitality** added 9,800 jobs, with expansions across all subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 6,000. Hiring occurred in both health care and social assistance (+3,500) and in educational services (+2,500). Notable gains were also posted in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+4,300), **financial activities** (+3,400), and **other services** (+3,200).

Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
July: 2011 - 2021



**State of Arkansas
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

Manufacturing

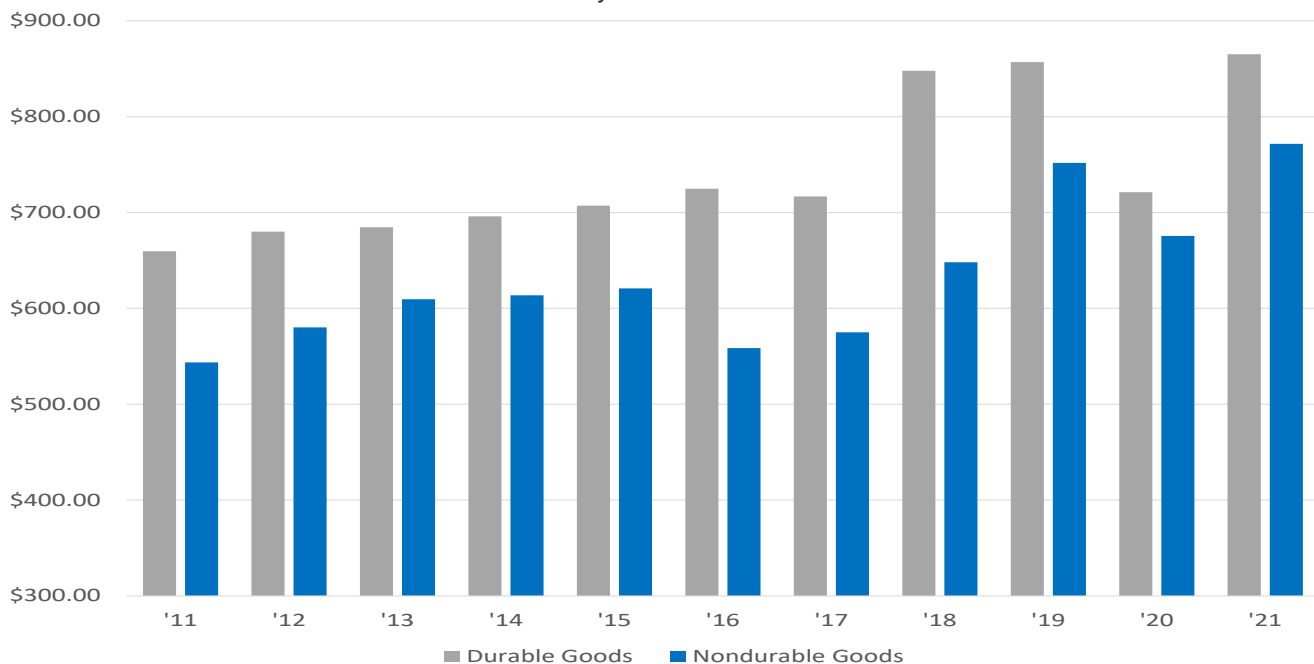
	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	40.0	37.7
Average Hourly Earnings	20.10	19.80	18.51
Average Weekly Earnings	820.08	792.00	697.83

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20		Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20
Average Weekly Hours	40.0	39.5	36.1	Average Weekly Hours	41.6	40.4	39.0
Average Hourly Earnings	21.63	21.02	19.98	Average Hourly Earnings	18.55	18.55	17.32
Average Weekly Earnings	865.20	830.29	721.28	Average Weekly Earnings	771.68	749.42	675.48

Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods (Production Workers)

July: 2011 - 2021



**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.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

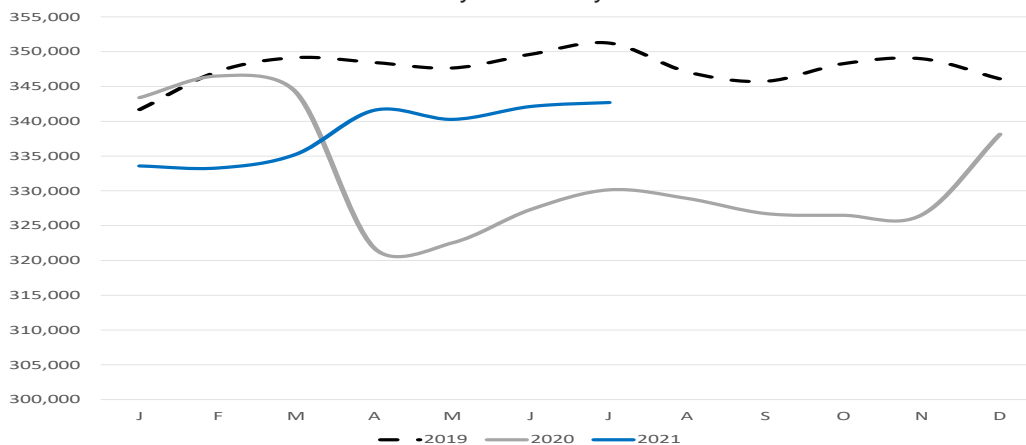
	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	359,528	360,552	359,855	-1,024	-327
Employment	342,685	342,119	330,152	566	12,533
Unemployment	16,843	18,433	29,703	-1,590	-12,860
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.1	8.3	-0.4	-3.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	351.7	355.5	339.3	-3.8	12.4
Goods Producing	37.0	37.1	36.5	-0.1	0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.9	17.9	17.7	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	19.1	19.2	18.8	-0.1	0.3
Service Providing	314.7	318.4	302.8	-3.7	11.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.2	69.1	67.1	-0.9	1.1
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.3	15.0	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	37.1	37.7	36.6	-0.6	0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.8	16.1	15.5	-0.3	0.3
Information	5.2	5.3	5.1	-0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	23.5	23.5	22.2	0.0	1.3
Professional & Business Services	44.4	45.1	42.2	-0.7	2.2
Educational & Health Services	58.2	58.6	55.3	-0.4	2.9
Leisure & Hospitality	32.4	31.7	28.7	0.7	3.7
Other Services	18.6	18.6	17.8	0.0	0.8
Government	64.2	66.5	64.4	-2.3	-0.2
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
State Government	32.7	33.0	32.6	-0.3	0.1
Local Government	21.8	23.8	22.0	-2.0	-0.2

Number of Employed
January 2019 - July 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

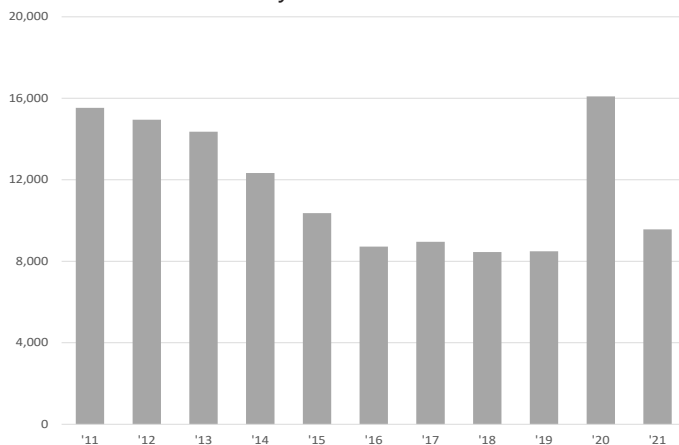
	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	298,005	295,768	284,860	2,237	13,145
Employment	288,438	284,895	268,769	3,543	19,669
Unemployment	9,567	10,873	16,091	-1,306	-6,524
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.7	5.6	-0.5	-2.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

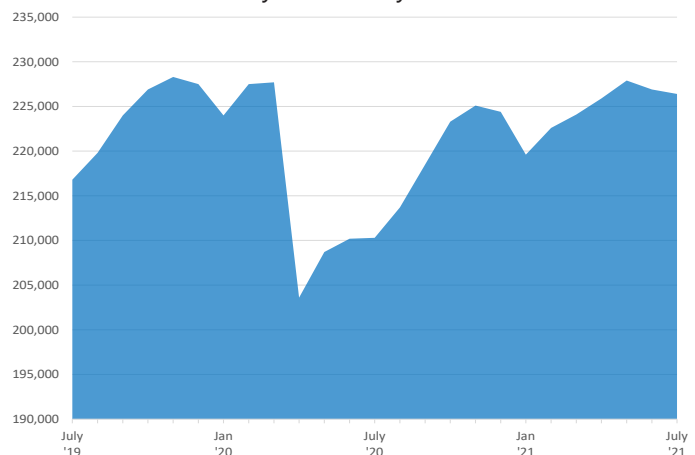
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	271.9	272.1	253.5	-0.2	18.4
Goods Producing	45.5	45.2	43.2	0.3	2.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.0	13.8	13.2	0.2	0.8
Manufacturing	31.5	31.4	30.0	0.1	1.5
Service Providing	226.4	226.9	210.3	-0.5	16.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58.6	58.9	55.9	-0.3	2.7
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.6	12.0	-0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	27.7	27.9	26.0	-0.2	1.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.4	18.4	17.9	0.0	0.5
Information	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	8.8	8.7	8.7	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	53.8	52.6	49.5	1.2	4.3
Educational & Health Services	30.6	30.4	28.2	0.2	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	27.5	27.4	22.7	0.1	4.8
Other Services	10.0	10.0	9.6	0.0	0.4
Government	34.9	36.8	33.7	-1.9	1.2
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	14.2	14.3	13.4	-0.1	0.8
Local Government	17.8	19.6	17.5	-1.8	0.3

Number of Unemployed
July: 2011 - 2021



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
July 2019 - July 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,923	120,603	118,489	-680	1,434
Employment	115,269	115,218	109,913	51	5,356
Unemployment	4,654	5,385	8,576	-731	-3,922
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.5	7.2	-0.6	-3.3

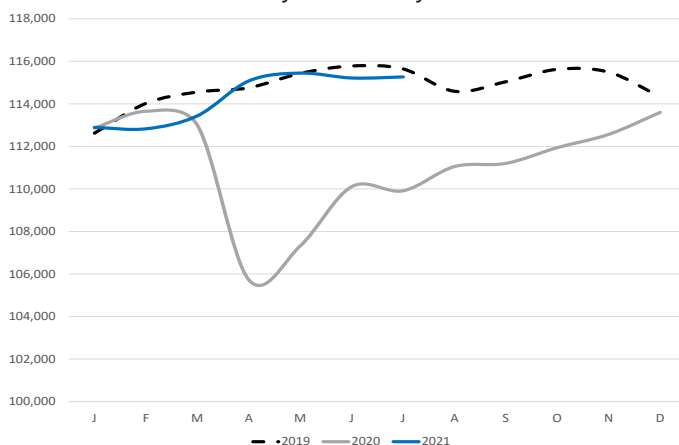
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	109.4	111.0	105.7	-1.6	3.7
Goods Producing	22.7	22.5	21.8	0.2	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	5.9	5.5	-0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	16.9	16.6	16.3	0.3	0.6
Service Providing	86.7	88.5	83.9	-1.8	2.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.3	23.6	22.8	-0.3	0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.1	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	11.8	12.0	12.3	-0.2	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.9	7.0	6.4	-0.1	0.5
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.5	11.9	10.9	0.6	1.6
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.6	16.4	0.1	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.4	9.5	8.9	-0.1	0.5
Other Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	15.2	17.3	15.6	-2.1	-0.4
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.4	2.5	2.7	-0.1	-0.3
Local Government	11.5	13.5	11.6	-2.0	-0.1

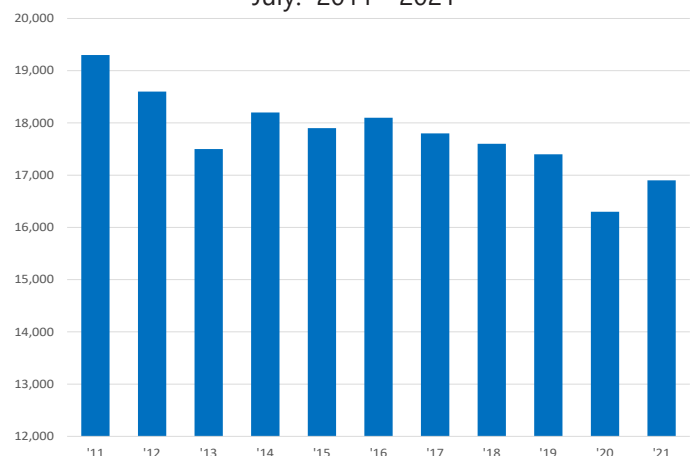
Employment

January 2019 - July 2021



Jobs in Manufacturing

July: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	42,896	42,519	42,803	377	93
Employment	40,583	39,954	38,734	629	1,849
Unemployment	2,313	2,565	4,069	-252	-1,756
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.0	9.5	-0.6	-4.1

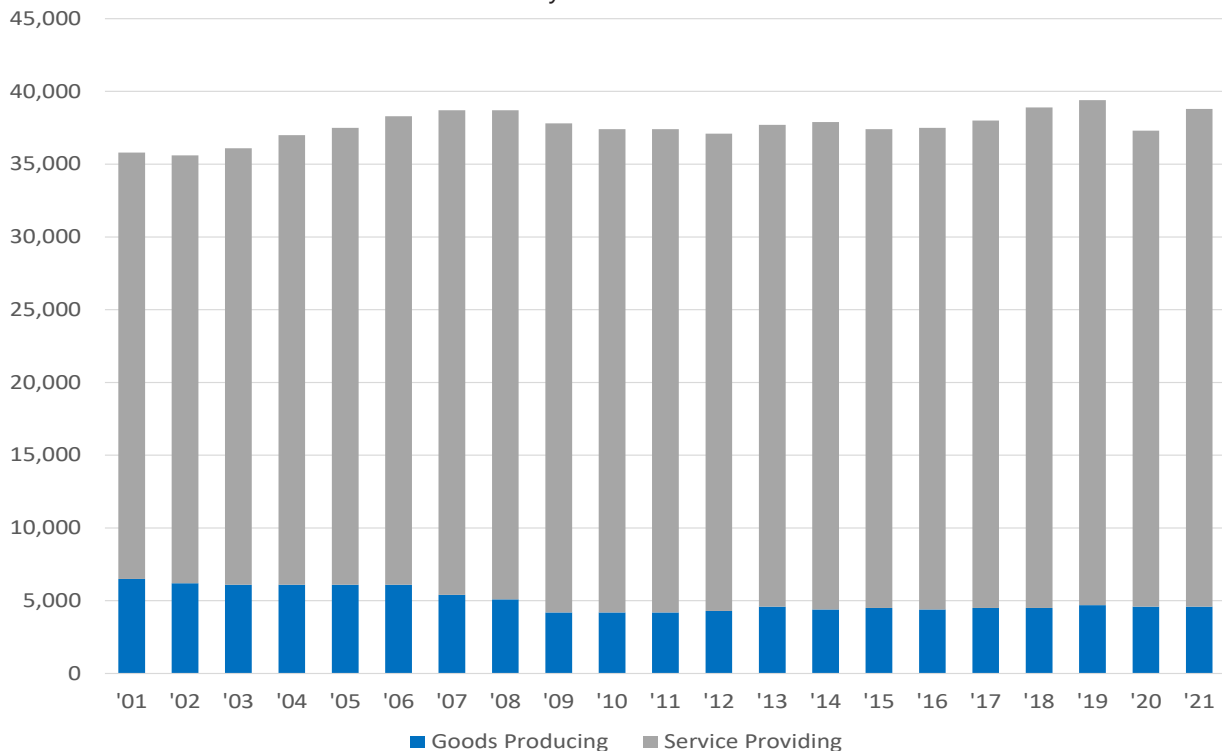
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.8	39.0	37.3	-0.2	1.5
Goods Producing	4.6	4.7	4.6	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	34.2	34.3	32.7	-0.1	1.5
Government	3.7	3.9	3.9	-0.2	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Type

July: 2001 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	67,210	66,670	66,401	540	809
Employment	64,616	63,827	61,849	789	2,767
Unemployment	2,594	2,843	4,552	-249	-1,958
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.3	6.9	-0.4	-3.0

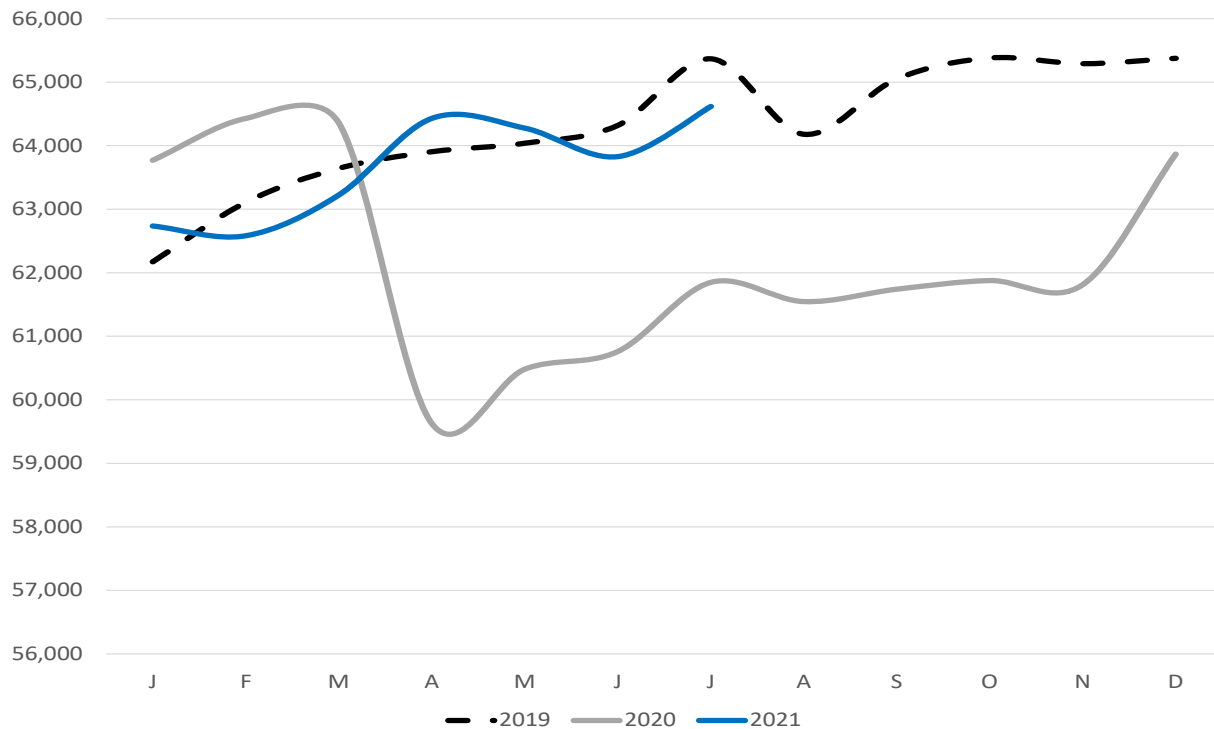
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	58.9	59.2	56.6	-0.3	2.3
Goods Producing	10.7	10.7	10.2	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	48.2	48.5	46.4	-0.3	1.8
Government	7.7	8.0	8.1	-0.3	-0.4

Number of Employed

January 2019 - July 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	34,812	34,966	34,760	-154	52
Employment	32,483	32,473	31,536	10	947
Unemployment	2,329	2,493	3,224	-164	-895
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.1	9.3	-0.4	-2.6

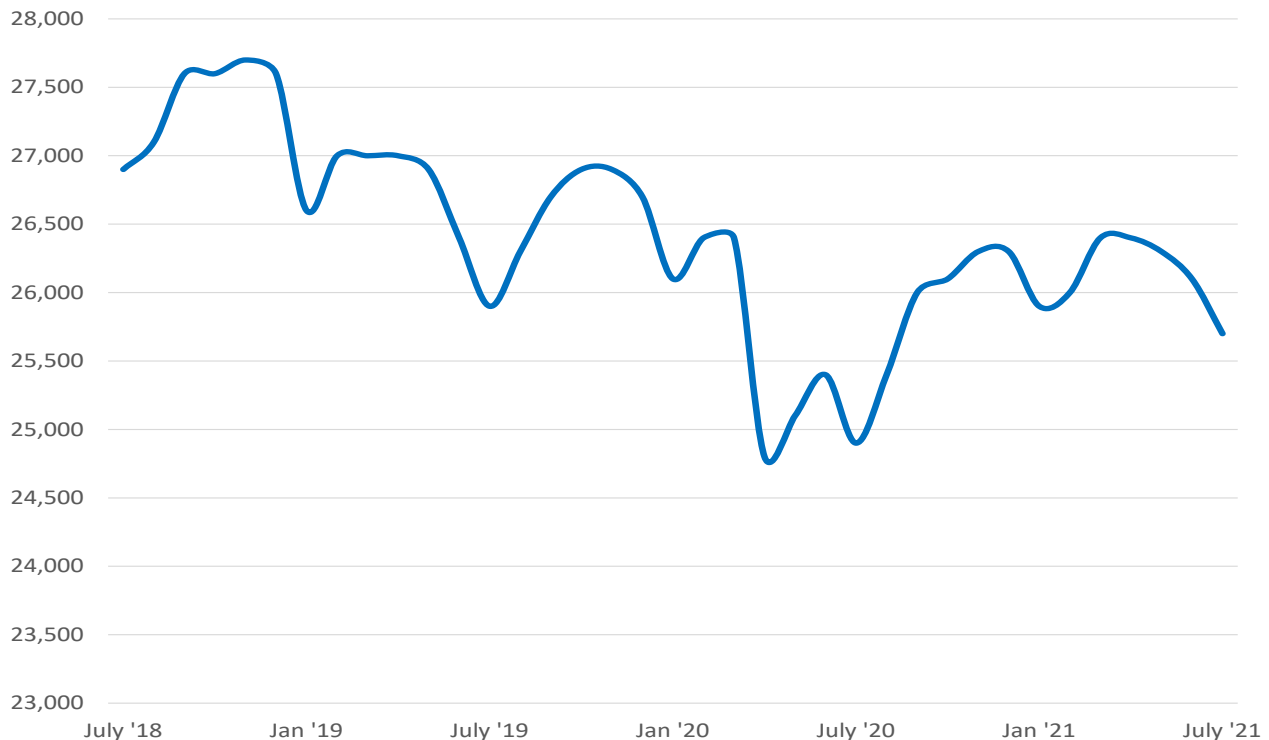
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 21	Jun 21	Jul 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.3	31.7	30.5	-0.4	0.8
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	25.7	26.1	24.9	-0.4	0.8
Government	8.3	8.8	8.3	-0.5	0.0

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July 2018 - July 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas 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.

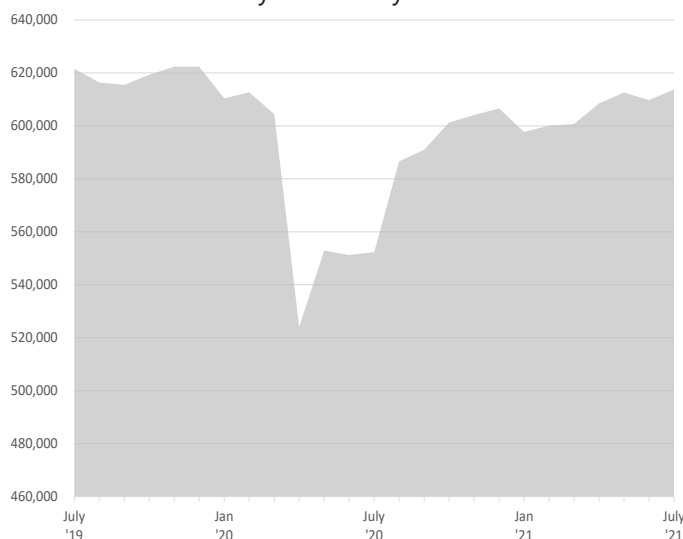
	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	659,385	659,573	629,946	-188	29,439
Employment	613,779	609,763	552,342	4,016	61,437
Unemployment	45,606	49,810	77,604	-4,204	-31,998
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.6	12.3	-0.7	-5.4

Texarkana MSA

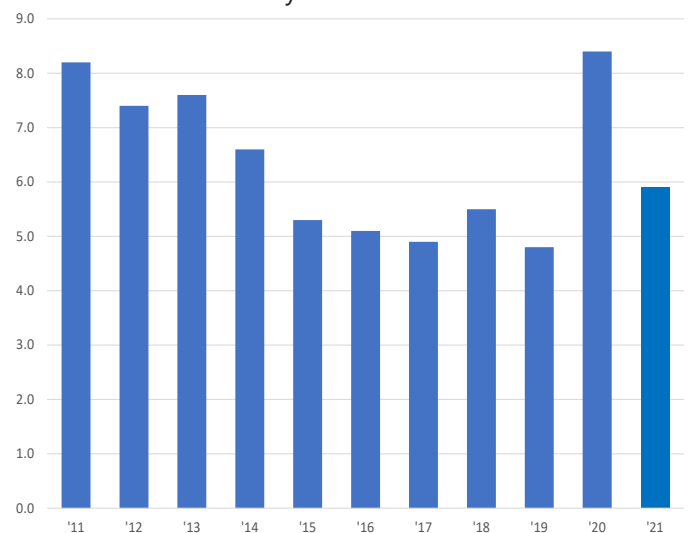
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,869	64,427	64,084	-558	-215
Employment	60,117	60,273	58,678	-156	1,439
Unemployment	3,752	4,154	5,406	-402	-1,654
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.4	8.4	-0.5	-2.5

Memphis MSA - Employment
July 2019 - July 2021



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
July: 2011 - 2021



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	July 2021				June 2021				July 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,748	8,216	532	6.1	8,854	8,258	596	6.7	9,034	8,324	710	7.9
Batesville Micro	16,445	15,647	798	4.9	16,996	16,137	859	5.1	16,353	15,268	1,085	6.6
Blytheville Micro	16,812	15,269	1,543	9.2	16,765	15,181	1,584	9.4	17,274	15,261	2,013	11.7
Camden Micro	12,139	11,614	525	4.3	12,536	11,955	581	4.6	12,137	11,271	866	7.1
El Dorado Micro	15,299	14,207	1,092	7.1	15,849	14,679	1,170	7.4	15,573	13,969	1,604	10.3
Forrest City Micro	7,797	7,245	552	7.1	7,950	7,362	588	7.4	8,031	7,255	776	9.7
Harrison Micro	18,611	17,944	667	3.6	19,260	18,511	749	3.9	18,388	17,273	1,115	6.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,931	5,418	513	8.6	6,171	5,606	565	9.2	6,293	5,579	714	11.3
Hope Micro	12,693	12,127	566	4.5	13,090	12,479	611	4.7	12,936	12,071	865	6.7
Magnolia Micro	8,542	7,980	562	6.6	9,014	8,399	615	6.8	8,553	7,783	770	9.0
Malvern Micro	14,149	13,504	645	4.6	14,275	13,560	715	5.0	14,147	13,137	1,010	7.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,440	15,742	698	4.2	16,766	15,964	802	4.8	16,503	15,371	1,132	6.9
Paragould Micro	19,432	18,640	792	4.1	19,399	18,533	866	4.5	19,481	18,061	1,420	7.3
Russellville Micro	34,973	33,202	1,771	5.1	36,021	34,116	1,905	5.3	34,864	32,344	2,520	7.2
Searcy Micro	33,305	31,742	1,563	4.7	34,364	32,637	1,727	5.0	33,287	30,774	2,513	7.5

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

City	July 2021				June 2021				July 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,848	12,367	481	3.7	12,805	12,225	580	4.5	12,364	11,525	839	6.8
Benton	17,649	17,015	634	3.6	17,719	17,004	715	4.0	17,608	16,403	1,205	6.8
Bentonville	30,285	29,413	872	2.9	30,093	29,075	1,018	3.4	28,934	27,409	1,525	5.3
Blytheville	5,786	5,128	658	11.4	5,654	5,099	555	9.8	6,027	5,126	901	14.9
Cabot	12,045	11,611	434	3.6	11,997	11,526	471	3.9	12,012	11,144	868	7.2
Conway	34,639	33,206	1,433	4.1	34,620	33,110	1,510	4.4	34,334	31,961	2,373	6.9
El Dorado	6,700	6,128	572	8.5	6,922	6,331	591	8.5	6,904	6,025	879	12.7
Fayetteville	51,098	49,197	1,901	3.7	50,733	48,596	2,137	4.2	49,258	45,820	3,438	7.0
Fort Smith	39,271	37,731	1,540	3.9	39,572	37,758	1,814	4.6	39,179	36,324	2,855	7.3
Hot Springs	16,065	15,024	1,041	6.5	15,933	14,791	1,142	7.2	16,212	14,339	1,873	11.6
Jacksonville	11,877	11,039	838	7.1	11,884	11,037	847	7.1	11,927	10,646	1,281	10.7
Jonesboro	40,304	38,677	1,627	4.0	39,982	38,278	1,704	4.3	39,964	37,067	2,897	7.2
Little Rock	98,338	92,796	5,542	5.6	98,934	92,783	6,151	6.2	99,539	89,496	10,043	10.1
North Little Rock	30,331	28,454	1,877	6.2	30,350	28,450	1,900	6.3	30,840	27,442	3,398	11.0
Paragould	12,360	11,808	552	4.5	12,340	11,740	600	4.9	12,478	11,441	1,037	8.3
Pine Bluff	16,581	15,162	1,419	8.6	16,684	15,225	1,459	8.7	16,713	14,768	1,945	11.6
Rogers	37,875	36,817	1,058	2.8	37,624	36,395	1,229	3.3	36,309	34,309	2,000	5.5
Russellville	12,432	11,861	571	4.6	12,880	12,240	640	5.0	12,473	11,587	886	7.1
Searcy	10,089	9,630	459	4.5	10,418	9,902	516	5.0	10,052	9,336	716	7.1
Sherwood	16,212	15,510	702	4.3	16,256	15,508	748	4.6	16,191	14,959	1,232	7.6
Springdale	41,506	40,185	1,321	3.2	41,090	39,696	1,394	3.4	39,502	37,429	2,073	5.2
Texarkana, AR	13,590	12,779	811	6.0	13,681	12,762	919	6.7	13,705	12,452	1,253	9.1
Van Buren	10,416	10,033	383	3.7	10,479	10,014	465	4.4	10,375	9,643	732	7.1
West Memphis	10,809	10,020	789	7.3	10,785	9,937	848	7.9	10,771	9,384	1,387	12.9

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2021				June 2021				July 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,752	9,384	368	3.8	9,712	9,307	405	4.2	9,405	8,948	457	4.9
Ashley	6,855	6,249	606	8.8	7,086	6,434	652	9.2	7,092	6,271	821	11.6
Baxter	16,440	15,742	698	4.2	16,766	15,964	802	4.8	16,503	15,371	1,132	6.9
Benton	146,650	142,135	4,515	3.1	145,698	140,506	5,192	3.6	140,257	132,453	7,804	5.6
Boone	15,391	14,840	551	3.6	15,978	15,357	621	3.9	15,255	14,312	943	6.2
Bradley	4,066	3,833	233	5.7	4,278	4,014	264	6.2	4,216	3,913	303	7.2
Calhoun	2,419	2,331	88	3.6	2,473	2,365	108	4.4	2,381	2,242	139	5.8
Carroll	13,084	12,613	471	3.6	13,176	12,631	545	4.1	12,705	11,864	841	6.6
Chicot	3,210	2,908	302	9.4	3,192	2,870	322	10.1	3,285	2,873	412	12.5
Clark	8,748	8,216	532	6.1	8,854	8,258	596	6.7	9,034	8,324	710	7.9
Clay	5,431	5,183	248	4.6	5,423	5,155	268	4.9	5,444	5,048	396	7.3
Cleburne	9,146	8,696	450	4.9	9,381	8,863	518	5.5	9,278	8,512	766	8.3
Cleveland	3,236	3,097	139	4.3	3,217	3,053	164	5.1	3,194	2,976	218	6.8
Columbia	8,542	7,980	562	6.6	9,014	8,399	615	6.8	8,553	7,783	770	9.0
Conway	8,358	7,960	398	4.8	8,545	8,106	439	5.1	8,299	7,716	583	7.0
Craighead	56,998	54,839	2,159	3.8	56,609	54,273	2,336	4.1	56,439	52,556	3,883	6.9
Crawford	26,816	25,755	1,061	4.0	26,897	25,705	1,192	4.4	26,514	24,752	1,762	6.6
Crittenden	21,847	20,472	1,375	6.3	21,736	20,303	1,433	6.6	21,551	19,174	2,377	11.0
Cross	6,947	6,587	360	5.2	7,223	6,830	393	5.4	7,140	6,600	540	7.6
Dallas	2,856	2,717	139	4.9	2,906	2,754	152	5.2	2,850	2,672	178	6.2
Desha	5,012	4,648	364	7.3	5,130	4,757	373	7.3	5,169	4,673	496	9.6
Drew	7,448	7,008	440	5.9	7,592	7,102	490	6.5	7,483	6,872	611	8.2
Faulkner	62,786	60,290	2,496	4.0	62,855	60,115	2,740	4.4	62,141	58,029	4,112	6.6
Franklin	7,345	7,024	321	4.4	7,457	7,114	343	4.6	7,384	6,869	515	7.0
Fulton	4,907	4,698	209	4.3	5,090	4,849	241	4.7	4,821	4,522	299	6.2
Garland	42,896	40,583	2,313	5.4	42,519	39,954	2,565	6.0	42,803	38,734	4,069	9.5
Grant	8,337	8,035	302	3.6	8,352	7,998	354	4.2	8,264	7,730	534	6.5
Greene	19,432	18,640	792	4.1	19,399	18,533	866	4.5	19,481	18,061	1,420	7.3
Hempstead	9,268	8,876	392	4.2	9,542	9,115	427	4.5	9,411	8,823	588	6.2
Hot Spring	14,149	13,504	645	4.6	14,275	13,560	715	5.0	14,147	13,137	1,010	7.1
Howard	5,571	5,356	215	3.9	5,686	5,460	226	4.0	5,478	5,134	344	6.3
Independence	16,445	15,647	798	4.9	16,996	16,137	859	5.1	16,353	15,268	1,085	6.6
Izard	4,355	4,089	266	6.1	4,474	4,170	304	6.8	4,448	4,002	446	10.0
Jackson	5,656	5,322	334	5.9	5,768	5,395	373	6.5	5,823	5,344	479	8.2
Jefferson	27,648	25,660	1,988	7.2	27,873	25,766	2,107	7.6	27,742	24,993	2,749	9.9
Johnson	9,589	8,991	598	6.2	9,987	9,359	628	6.3	9,789	8,972	817	8.3
Lafayette	2,338	2,182	156	6.7	2,388	2,213	175	7.3	2,370	2,153	217	9.2
Lawrence	6,522	6,163	359	5.5	6,688	6,301	387	5.8	6,431	5,921	510	7.9
Lee	2,692	2,532	160	5.9	2,662	2,484	178	6.7	2,851	2,595	256	9.0
Lincoln	3,928	3,726	202	5.1	3,876	3,654	222	5.7	3,824	3,567	257	6.7
Little River	5,444	5,175	269	4.9	5,498	5,193	305	5.5	5,488	5,064	424	7.7
Logan	8,554	8,145	409	4.8	8,738	8,277	461	5.3	8,514	7,814	700	8.2
Lonoke	34,068	32,782	1,286	3.8	33,958	32,542	1,416	4.2	33,820	31,464	2,356	7.0
Madison	7,909	7,628	281	3.6	7,701	7,381	320	4.2	7,368	7,024	344	4.7
Marion	6,238	5,940	298	4.8	6,355	6,021	334	5.3	6,240	5,753	487	7.8
Miller	19,743	18,650	1,093	5.5	19,829	18,625	1,204	6.1	19,809	18,172	1,637	8.3

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**County Labor Force Statistics
Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2021				June 2021				July 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,812	15,269	1,543	9.2	16,765	15,181	1,584	9.4	17,274	15,261	2,013	11.7
Monroe	2,653	2,488	165	6.2	2,689	2,510	179	6.7	2,688	2,462	226	8.4
Montgomery	3,086	2,926	160	5.2	3,084	2,907	177	5.7	3,009	2,765	244	8.1
Nevada	3,425	3,251	174	5.1	3,548	3,364	184	5.2	3,525	3,248	277	7.9
Newton	3,220	3,104	116	3.6	3,282	3,154	128	3.9	3,133	2,961	172	5.5
Ouachita	9,720	9,283	437	4.5	10,063	9,590	473	4.7	9,756	9,029	727	7.5
Perry	4,313	4,118	195	4.5	4,287	4,064	223	5.2	4,205	3,935	270	6.4
Phillips	5,931	5,418	513	8.6	6,171	5,606	565	9.2	6,293	5,579	714	11.3
Pike	4,318	4,113	205	4.7	4,459	4,218	241	5.4	4,200	3,897	303	7.2
Poinsett	10,212	9,777	435	4.3	10,061	9,554	507	5.0	9,962	9,293	669	6.7
Polk	7,828	7,406	422	5.4	7,995	7,540	455	5.7	7,844	7,223	621	7.9
Pope	27,068	25,672	1,396	5.2	27,969	26,492	1,477	5.3	27,112	25,078	2,034	7.5
Prairie	3,560	3,419	141	4.0	3,617	3,449	168	4.6	3,490	3,262	228	6.5
Pulaski	190,929	180,433	10,496	5.5	191,757	180,409	11,348	5.9	192,608	174,017	18,591	9.7
Randolph	7,469	7,125	344	4.6	7,504	7,122	382	5.1	7,433	6,905	528	7.1
St. Francis	7,797	7,245	552	7.1	7,950	7,362	588	7.4	8,031	7,255	776	9.7
Saline	59,095	57,027	2,068	3.5	59,343	56,991	2,352	4.0	58,817	54,977	3,840	6.5
Scott	4,249	4,081	168	4.0	4,361	4,173	188	4.3	4,221	3,985	236	5.6
Searcy	2,934	2,782	152	5.2	3,098	2,937	161	5.2	2,881	2,677	204	7.1
Sebastian	56,650	54,376	2,274	4.0	57,020	54,415	2,605	4.6	56,351	52,348	4,003	7.1
Sevier	5,552	5,266	286	5.2	5,555	5,236	319	5.7	5,508	5,147	361	6.6
Sharp	5,648	5,324	324	5.7	5,831	5,477	354	6.1	5,633	5,157	476	8.5
Stone	4,749	4,492	257	5.4	4,791	4,499	292	6.1	4,585	4,217	368	8.0
Union	15,299	14,207	1,092	7.1	15,849	14,679	1,170	7.4	15,573	13,969	1,604	10.3
Van Buren	5,877	5,565	312	5.3	6,082	5,719	363	6.0	5,712	5,263	449	7.9
Washington	132,372	127,991	4,381	3.3	131,278	126,427	4,851	3.7	126,510	119,206	7,304	5.8
White	33,305	31,742	1,563	4.7	34,364	32,637	1,727	5.0	33,287	30,774	2,513	7.5
Woodruff	2,736	2,572	164	6.0	2,828	2,647	181	6.4	2,653	2,462	191	7.2
Yell	7,905	7,530	375	4.7	8,052	7,624	428	5.3	7,752	7,266	486	6.3

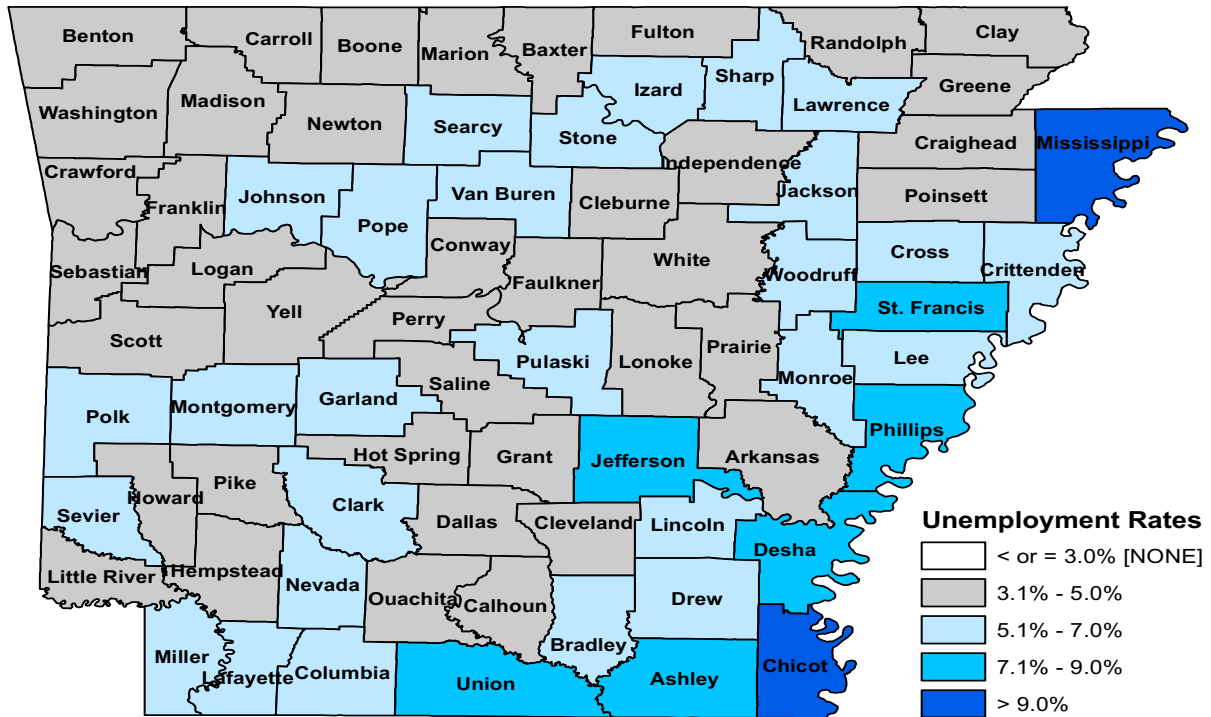
County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates declined in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in two counties were unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Benton County to a high of 9.4 percent in Chicot County.

In July, eight counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down slightly from nine counties at or above seven percent last month. Eighteen counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent, up from 6 counties at or below four percent in June.

Compared to July 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from a one and one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Arkansas and Madison counties to as much as a four and seven-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.1	26	Ouachita	4.5	49	Stone	5.4
2	Washington	3.3	26	Perry	4.5	52	Lawrence	5.5
3	Saline	3.5	28	Clay	4.6	52	Miller	5.5
4	Boone	3.6	28	Hot Spring	4.6	52	Pulaski	5.5
4	Calhoun	3.6	28	Randolph	4.6	55	Bradley	5.7
4	Carroll	3.6	31	Pike	4.7	55	Sharp	5.7
4	Grant	3.6	31	White	4.7	57	Drew	5.9
4	Madison	3.6	31	Yell	4.7	57	Jackson	5.9
4	Newton	3.6	34	Conway	4.8	57	Lee	5.9
10	Arkansas	3.8	34	Logan	4.8	60	Woodruff	6.0
10	Craighead	3.8	34	Marion	4.8	61	Clark	6.1
10	Lonoke	3.8	37	Cleburne	4.9	61	Izard	6.1
13	Howard	3.9	37	Dallas	4.9	63	Johnson	6.2
14	Crawford	4.0	37	Independence	4.9	63	Monroe	6.2
14	Faulkner	4.0	37	Little River	4.9	65	Crittenden	6.3
14	Prairie	4.0	41	Lincoln	5.1	66	Columbia	6.6
14	Scott	4.0	41	Nevada	5.1	67	Lafayette	6.7
14	Sebastian	4.0	43	Cross	5.2	68	St. Francis	7.1
19	Greene	4.1	43	Montgomery	5.2	68	Union	7.1
20	Baxter	4.2	43	Pope	5.2	70	Jefferson	7.2
20	Hempstead	4.2	43	Searcy	5.2	71	Desha	7.3
22	Cleveland	4.3	43	Sevier	5.2	72	Phillips	8.6
22	Fulton	4.3	48	Van Buren	5.3	73	Ashley	8.8
22	Poinsett	4.3	49	Garland	5.4	74	Mississippi	9.2
25	Franklin	4.4	49	Polk	5.4	75	Chicot	9.4

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	July 2021				June 2021				July 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	254,753	243,643	11,110	4.4	255,285	243,233	12,052	4.7	254,025	234,715	19,310	7.6
City of Little Rock	98,338	92,796	5,542	5.6	98,934	92,783	6,151	6.2	99,539	89,496	10,043	10.1
Eastern	45,214	42,254	2,960	6.5	45,742	42,585	3,157	6.9	45,866	41,203	4,663	10.2
North Central	92,824	88,147	4,677	5.0	95,605	90,393	5,212	5.5	92,593	85,521	7,072	7.6
Northeast	122,876	116,996	5,880	4.8	122,449	116,119	6,330	5.2	122,464	113,045	9,419	7.7
Northwest	344,238	332,775	11,463	3.3	343,332	330,378	12,954	3.8	330,852	311,621	19,231	5.8
Southeast	79,492	74,548	4,944	6.2	80,308	74,955	5,353	6.7	79,674	72,816	6,858	8.6
Southwest	90,177	85,274	4,903	5.4	92,351	86,993	5,358	5.8	90,702	83,436	7,266	8.0
West Central	130,430	123,613	6,817	5.2	132,031	124,542	7,489	5.7	130,350	119,824	10,526	8.1
Western	111,442	106,787	4,655	4.2	112,468	107,224	5,244	4.7	110,828	102,991	7,837	7.1

