

# 2025 Arkansas Labor Market Report

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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 2024 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 1,200 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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### August Spotlight

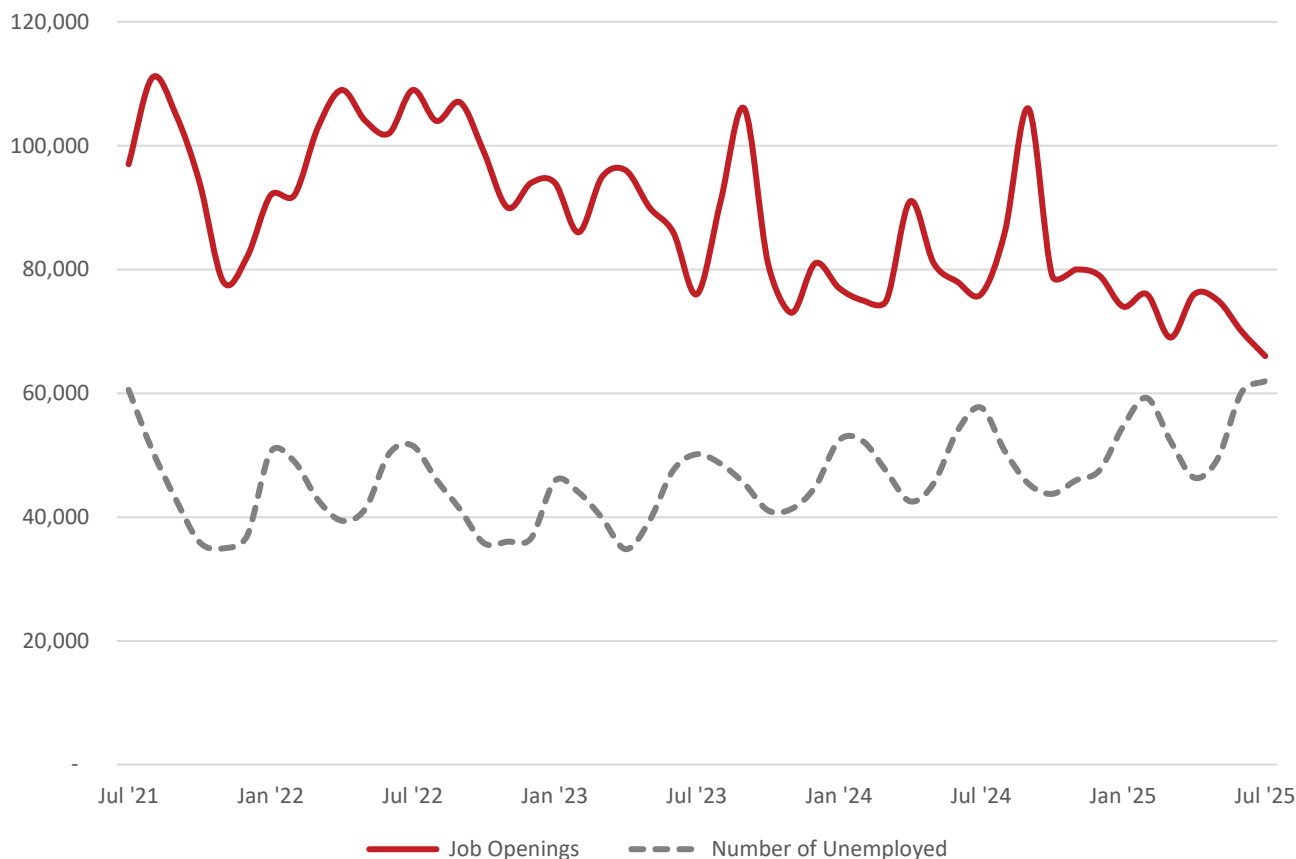
## Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is a monthly survey developed and conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to address the need for data on job openings, hires, and separations. These data serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national and state levels. The availability of unfilled jobs- the job opening rate- is an important measure of the tightness of job markets, parallel to existing measures of unemployment.

Data from a sample of approximately 21,000 US business establishments are collected by BLS monthly. JOLTS collects data on Total Employment, Job Openings, Hires, Quits, Layoffs and Discharges, and Other Separations. While data are available by industry sector at the national level, statewide level data are currently only available as a total figure representing all industry sectors. The most recent data available is for July 2025.

### Job Openings vs Number of Unemployed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas  
July 2021 - July 2025



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## State of Arkansas

### Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7% in July to 3.8% in August. At 4.3%, the United States’ jobless rate also rose one-tenth of a percentage between July and August.

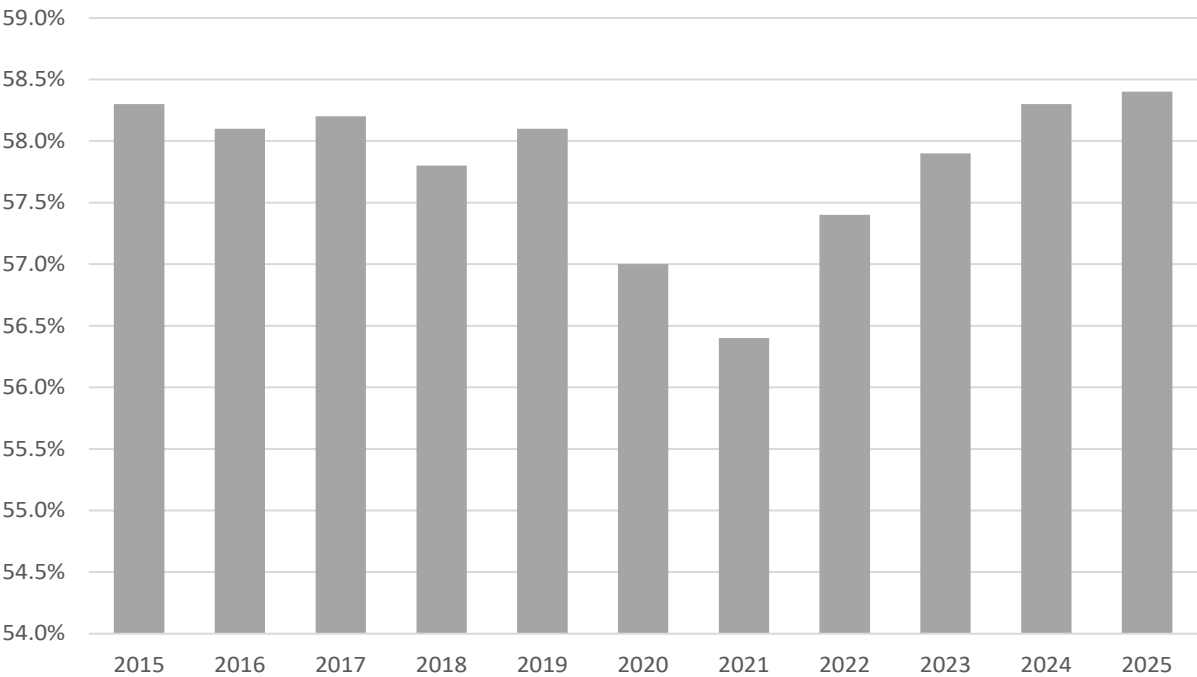
Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 2,480, a result of 1,683 more employed and 797 additional unemployed Arkansans actively looking for work. The gains were enough to push the unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point in August, while the labor force participation rate remained stable at 58.4%.

Compared to August 2024, the number of employed in the State has grown by 8,665. There are 4,889 more unemployed actively seeking employment, as the unemployment rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point. Arkansas’ labor force participation rate is up one-tenth of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Aug 25	Jul 25	Aug 24		Aug 25	Jul 25	Aug 24
Civilian Labor Force	1,427,207	1,424,727	1,413,653	Civilian Labor Force	1,437,259	1,442,079	1,413,700
Employment	1,373,355	1,371,672	1,364,690	Employment	1,377,854	1,380,103	1,363,028
Unemployment	53,852	53,055	48,963	Unemployment	59,405	61,976	50,672
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.7%	3.5%	Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.3%	3.6%
LF Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.3%	LF Participation Rate	58.8%	59.1%	58.3%

Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)  
August: 2015 - 2025





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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

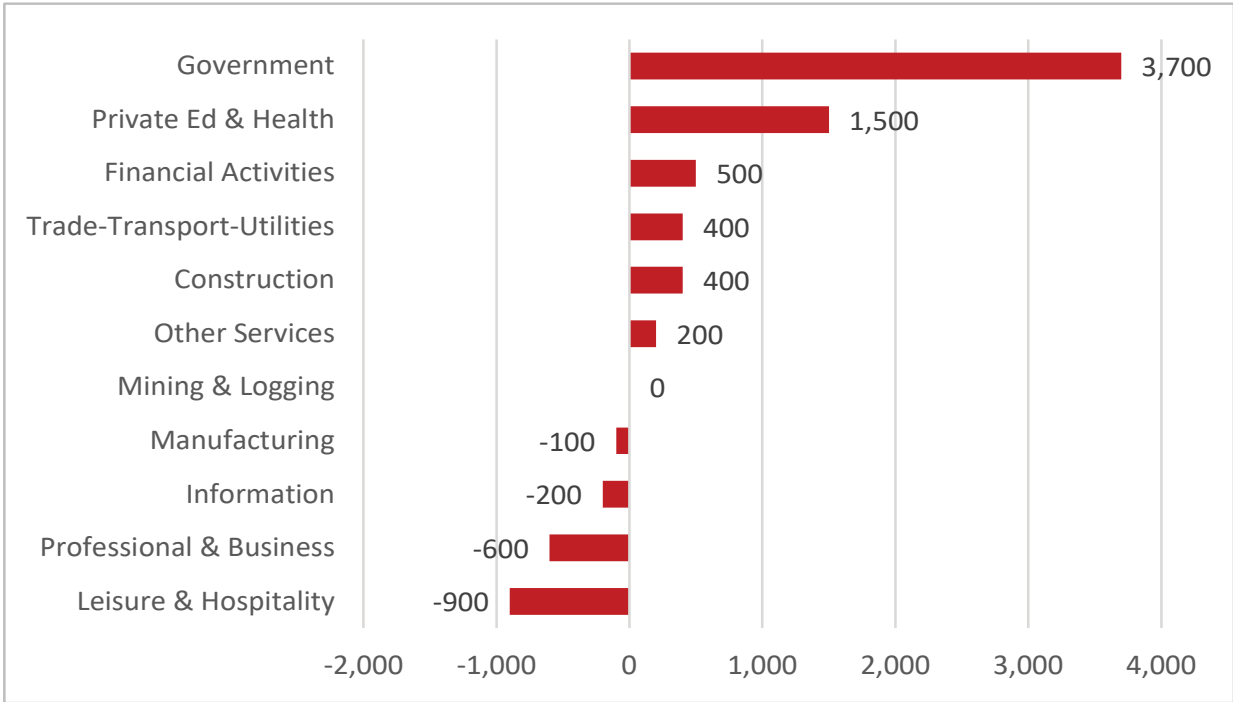
(NAICS)	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1378.6	1373.7	1356.9	4.9	21.7
Goods Producing	236.2	235.9	235.4	0.3	0.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	71.3	70.9	73.2	0.4	-1.9
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.2	41.4	42.5	-0.2	-1.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Durable Goods	78.5	78.7	77.1	-0.2	1.4
Nondurable Goods	86.4	86.3	85.1	0.1	1.3
Service Providing	1142.4	1137.8	1121.5	4.6	20.9
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>273.2</b>	<b>272.8</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Wholesale Trade	53.4	54.0	53.4	-0.6	0.0
Retail Trade	146.4	146.2	143.5	0.2	2.9
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	73.4	72.6	72.2	0.8	1.2
<b>Information</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Finance & Insurance	56.0	55.7	54.3	0.3	1.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.4	15.2	15.7	0.2	-0.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>158.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	53.3	53.6	51.3	-0.3	2.0
Management of Companies	41.7	41.7	40.0	0.0	1.7
Administrative & Support Services	65.8	66.1	67.3	-0.3	-1.5
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>221.5</b>	<b>220.0</b>	<b>212.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>
Private Educational Services	17.8	16.9	17.3	0.9	0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	203.7	203.1	195.5	0.6	8.2
Ambulatory Health Care	72.0	71.7	67.9	0.3	4.1
Social Assistance	43.8	42.8	40.1	1.0	3.7
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>136.3</b>	<b>137.2</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15.2	15.9	14.9	-0.7	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	121.1	121.3	116.2	-0.2	4.9
Accommodation Services	11.8	11.9	11.5	-0.1	0.3
Food Services	109.3	109.4	104.7	-0.1	4.6
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Government	201.9	198.2	201.8	3.7	0.1
Federal Government	21.1	21.3	21.9	-0.2	-0.8
State Government	73.2	71.3	73.1	1.9	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	27.2	25.3	27.0	1.9	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.0	46.0	46.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	107.6	105.6	106.8	2.0	0.8
Local Gov, Educational Services	61.0	58.1	60.6	2.9	0.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	46.6	47.5	46.2	-0.9	0.4

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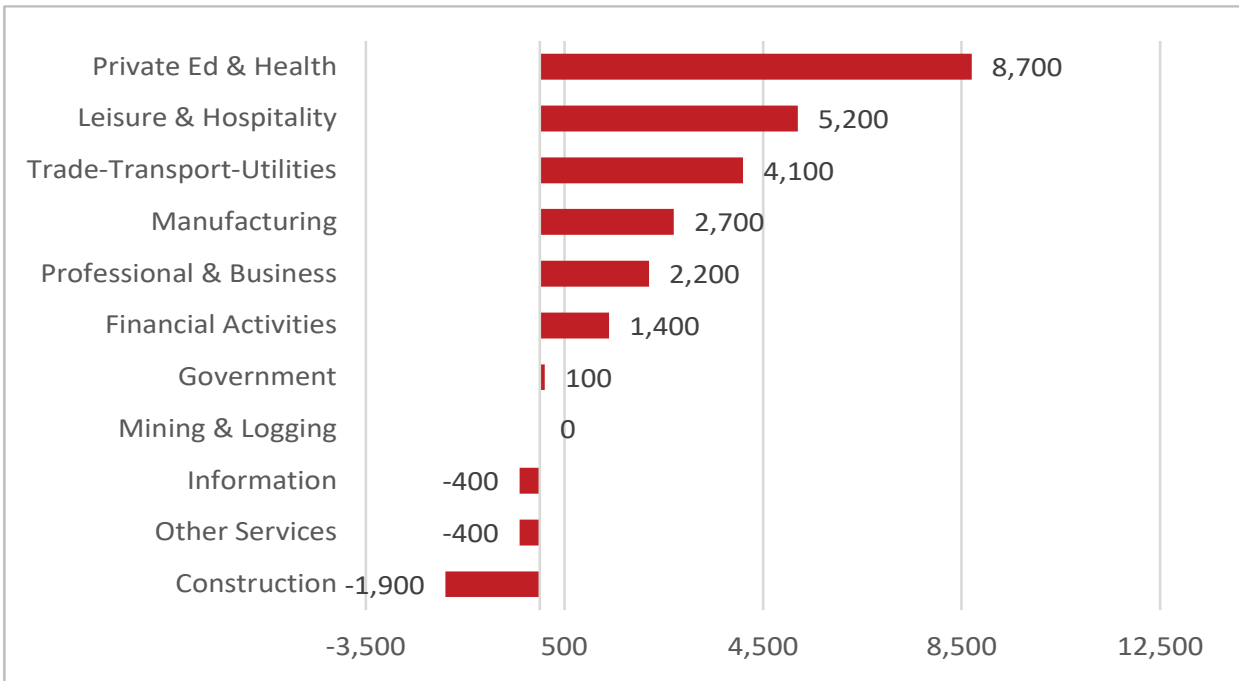
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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector  
July 2025 - August 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector  
August 2024 - August 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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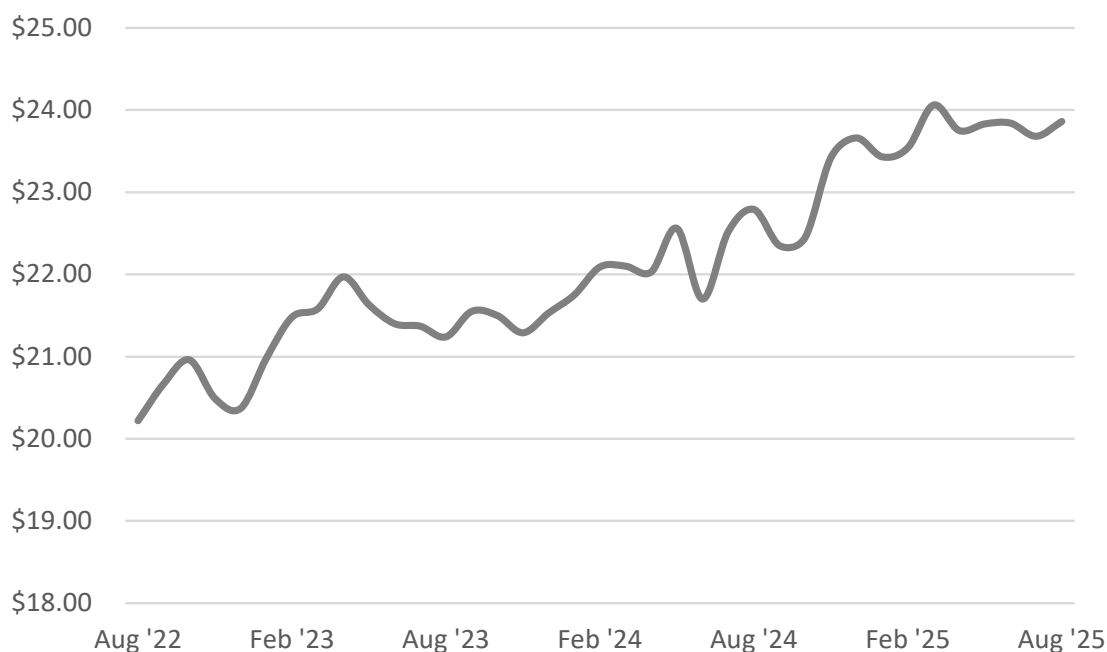
### State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings Not Seasonally Adjusted Manufacturing

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.0	37.8	36.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.86	\$23.68	\$22.79
Average Weekly Earnings	\$930.54	\$895.10	\$838.67

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>		<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.7	42.3	38.7	Average Weekly Hours	35.7	33.8	35.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.51	\$25.56	\$25.46	Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.13	\$21.60	\$20.16
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,089.28	\$1,081.19	\$985.30	Average Weekly Earnings	\$790.04	\$730.08	\$705.60

**Average Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing (Production Workers)**  
August 2022 - August 2025



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### 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)

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	390,972	395,077	382,058	-4,105	8,914
Employment	375,599	379,320	369,279	-3,721	6,320
Unemployment	15,373	15,757	12,779	-384	2,594
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.0%	3.3%	-0.1%	0.6%

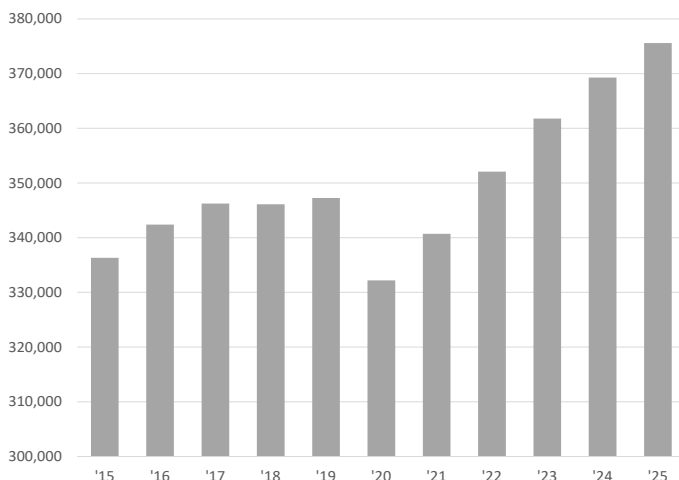
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	401.0	399.9	395.2	1.1	5.8
Goods Producing	43.2	43.1	43.2	0.1	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.4	21.5	21.9	-0.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	21.8	21.6	21.3	0.2	0.5
Service Providing	357.8	356.8	352.0	1.0	5.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	80.5	80.3	80.2	0.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	17.8	17.9	18.0	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	39.7	39.8	39.7	-0.1	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	23.0	22.6	22.5	0.4	0.5
Information	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	28.4	28.5	28.2	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	48.0	48.5	48.8	-0.5	-0.8
Private Education & Health Services	70.1	69.0	65.7	1.1	4.4
Leisure & Hospitality	37.7	38.2	35.9	-0.5	1.8
Other Services	18.9	18.9	19.2	0.0	-0.3
Government	69.2	68.4	68.9	0.8	0.3
Federal Government	10.6	10.7	10.8	-0.1	-0.2
State Government	33.4	32.8	33.3	0.6	0.1
Local Government	25.2	24.9	24.8	0.3	0.4

### Employment

August: 2015 - 2025



### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	317,404	320,866	307,742	-3,462	9,662
Employment	307,163	310,111	299,089	-2,948	8,074
Unemployment	10,241	10,755	8,653	-514	1,588
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.4%	2.8%	-0.2%	0.4%

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

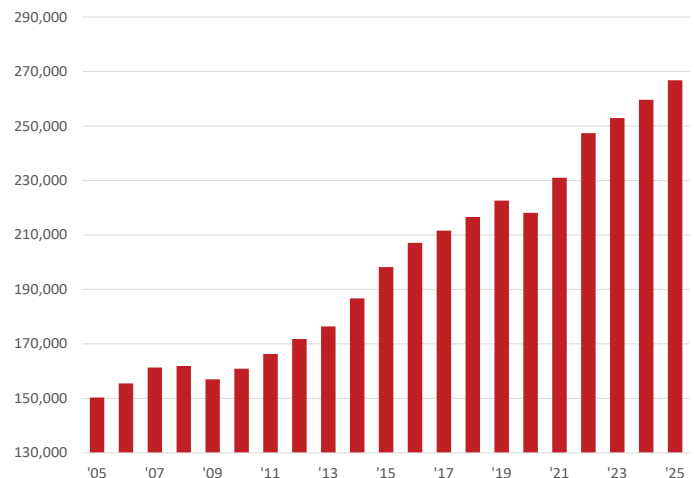
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	314.1	312.5	305.8	1.6	8.3
Goods Producing	47.3	47.5	46.2	-0.2	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.7	18.9	18.3	-0.2	0.4
Manufacturing	28.6	28.6	27.9	0.0	0.7
Service Providing	266.8	265.0	259.6	1.8	7.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.8	62.4	61.4	0.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	14.3	14.4	14.1	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	29.6	29.4	28.7	0.2	0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.9	18.6	18.6	0.3	0.3
Information	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	12.4	12.3	12.3	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	62.7	62.7	61.0	0.0	1.7
Private Education & Health Services	38.4	38.2	36.8	0.2	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	32.5	33.2	31.7	-0.7	0.8
Other Services	13.7	13.5	13.6	0.2	0.1
Government	42.0	40.4	40.5	1.6	1.5
Federal Government	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	-0.1
State Government	20.2	18.9	18.8	1.3	1.4
Local Government	18.8	18.5	18.6	0.3	0.2

**Civilian Labor Force**  
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**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**  
August: 2005 - 2025



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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas and Sequoyah County in Oklahoma

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

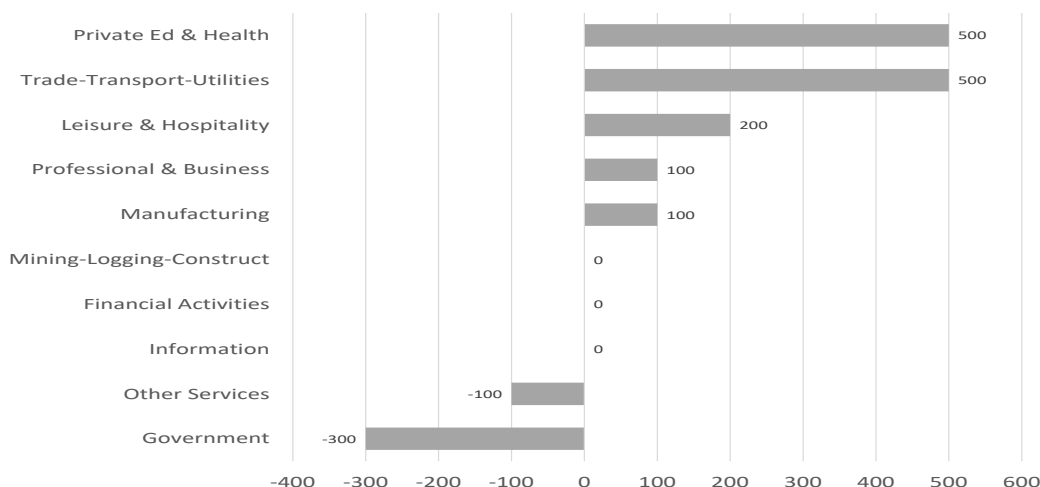
	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	103,499	103,563	101,722	-64	1,777
Employment	99,280	99,335	98,096	-55	1,184
Unemployment	4,219	4,228	3,626	-9	593
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	3.6%	0.0%	0.5%

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	103.6	102.5	102.6	1.1	1.0
Goods Producing	23.3	23.2	23.2	0.1	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	18.2	18.1	18.1	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	80.3	79.3	79.4	1.0	0.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.1	22.1	21.6	0.0	0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	11.7	11.7	11.4	0.0	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.0	5.9	5.8	0.1	0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	10.9	10.9	10.8	0.0	0.1
Private Education & Health Services	17.8	17.7	17.3	0.1	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.7	9.4	-0.1	0.2
Other Services	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Government	11.4	10.4	11.7	1.0	-0.3
Federal Government	1.1	1.2	1.2	-0.1	-0.1
State Government	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	8.8	7.7	8.9	1.1	-0.1

### Over-the-Year Job Change by Major Industry Sector August 2024 vs August 2025





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	44,060	44,796	43,717	-736	343
Employment	42,193	42,820	42,118	-627	75
Unemployment	1,867	1,976	1,599	-109	268
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.4%	3.7%	-0.2%	0.5%

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.7	40.6	40.7	0.1	0.0
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	36.0	35.9	36.2	0.1	-0.2
Government	4.1	3.8	4.2	0.3	-0.1

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,928	68,979	66,538	-1,051	1,390
Employment	65,280	66,129	64,357	-849	923
Unemployment	2,648	2,850	2,181	-202	467
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.1%	3.3%	-0.2%	0.6%

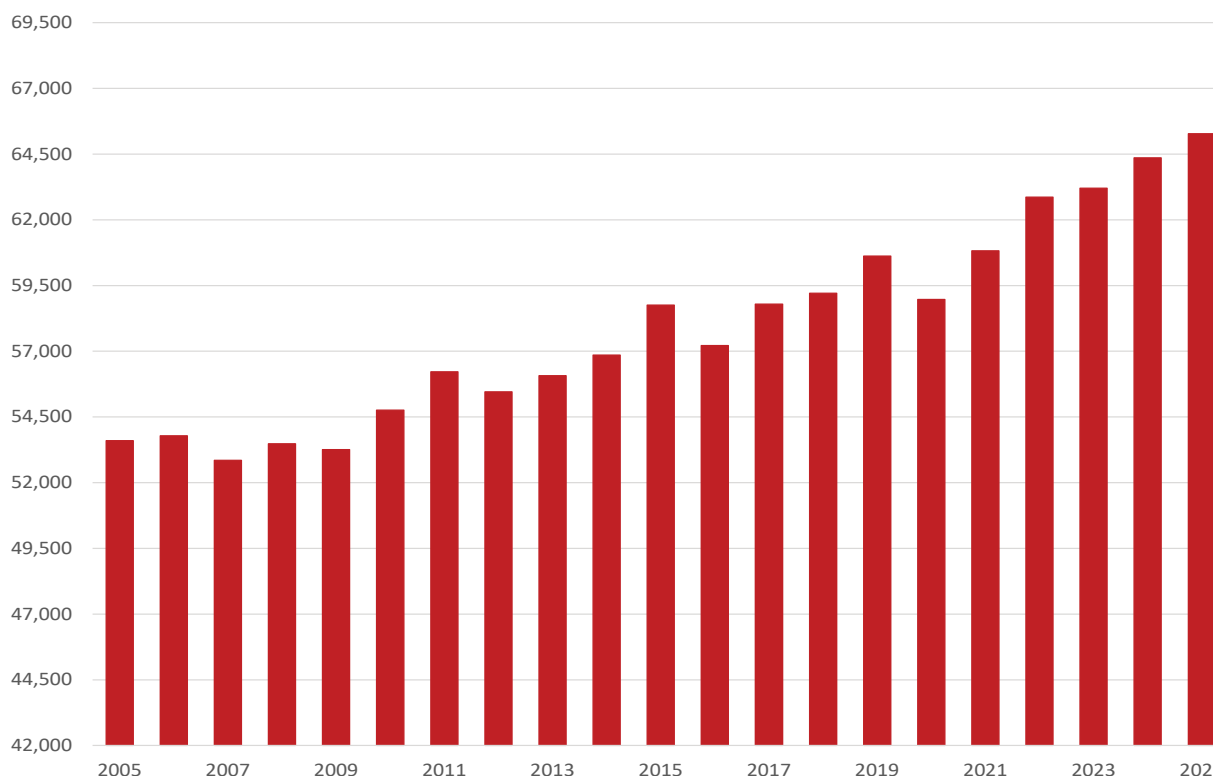
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.4	65.4	64.5	0.0	0.9
Goods Producing	11.5	11.5	11.2	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	53.9	53.9	53.3	0.0	0.6
Government	8.6	8.5	8.6	0.1	0.0

#### Employment

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### 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.

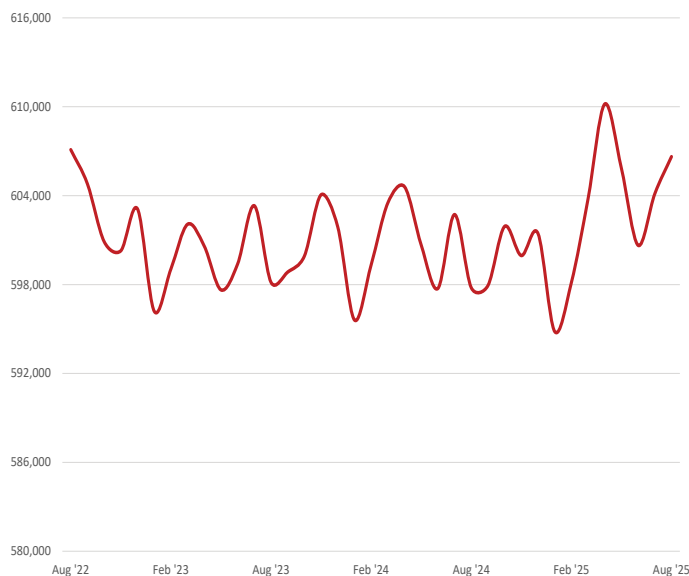
	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	635,592	638,429	626,478	-2,837	9,114
Employment	606,630	604,125	597,788	2,505	8,842
Unemployment	28,962	34,304	28,690	-5,342	272
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.4%	4.6%	-0.8%	0.0%

##### Texarkana MSA

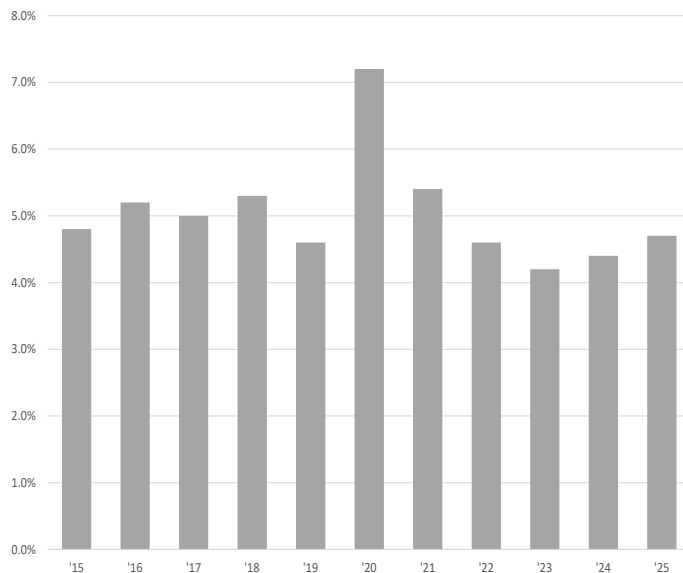
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,330	63,330	62,045	0	1,285
Employment	60,346	60,510	59,310	-164	1,036
Unemployment	2,984	2,820	2,735	164	249
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.5%	4.4%	0.2%	0.3%

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
August 2022 - August 2025



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
August: 2015 - 2025



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### Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	August 2025				July 2025				August 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,889	9,372	517	5.2	9,604	9,054	550	5.7	9,507	9,066	441	4.6
Batesville Micro	18,238	17,552	686	3.8	18,237	17,538	699	3.8	17,845	17,191	654	3.7
Blytheville Micro	21,144	20,085	1,059	5.0	21,190	19,923	1,267	6.0	21,042	20,145	897	4.3
Camden Micro	11,075	10,509	566	5.1	11,016	10,435	581	5.3	11,049	10,562	487	4.4
El Dorado Micro	15,417	14,547	870	5.6	15,211	14,295	916	6.0	15,915	15,051	864	5.4
Forrest City Micro	7,827	7,362	465	5.9	7,751	7,293	458	5.9	7,768	7,329	439	5.7
Harrison Micro	18,831	18,027	804	4.3	18,729	17,821	908	4.8	18,798	18,129	669	3.6
Magnolia Micro	8,838	8,373	465	5.3	8,442	7,957	485	5.7	8,955	8,567	388	4.3
Malvern Micro	13,240	12,628	612	4.6	13,316	12,691	625	4.7	13,294	12,763	531	4.0
Mountain Home Micro	16,849	16,090	759	4.5	16,809	16,033	776	4.6	16,673	16,022	651	3.9
Paragould Micro	20,390	19,491	899	4.4	20,502	19,602	900	4.4	20,123	19,360	763	3.8
Pine Bluff Micro	27,597	25,904	1,693	6.1	27,499	25,722	1,777	6.5	27,617	26,198	1,419	5.1
Russellville Micro	37,025	35,242	1,783	4.8	36,618	34,729	1,889	5.2	37,532	35,965	1,567	4.2
Searcy Micro	35,418	33,985	1,433	4.0	34,613	33,108	1,505	4.3	34,792	33,508	1,284	3.7

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  
Magnolia Micro = Columbia County  
Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County  
Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County  
Pine Bluff Micro = Cleveland & Jefferson counties  
Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties  
Searcy Micro = White County

### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	August 2025				July 2025				August 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	15,083	14,501	582	3.9	15,216	14,635	581	3.8	14,600	14,116	484	3.3
Benton	20,683	19,979	704	3.4	20,883	20,178	705	3.4	20,197	19,642	555	2.7
Bentonville	34,823	33,804	1,019	2.9	35,179	34,115	1,064	3.0	33,803	32,905	898	2.7
Blytheville	7,199	6,766	433	6.0	7,231	6,712	519	7.2	7,161	6,786	375	5.2
Cabot	13,841	13,374	467	3.4	13,975	13,514	461	3.3	13,540	13,149	391	2.9
Conway	37,839	36,468	1,371	3.6	38,302	36,824	1,478	3.9	37,041	35,853	1,188	3.2
El Dorado	6,865	6,403	462	6.7	6,734	6,292	442	6.6	7,000	6,624	376	5.4
Fayetteville	57,901	55,853	2,048	3.5	58,603	56,390	2,213	3.8	56,084	54,387	1,697	3.0
Fort Smith	42,314	40,599	1,715	4.1	42,403	40,646	1,757	4.1	41,585	40,121	1,464	3.5
Hot Springs	17,255	16,468	787	4.6	17,477	16,713	764	4.4	17,057	16,439	618	3.6
Jacksonville	13,157	12,476	681	5.2	13,261	12,597	664	5.0	12,811	12,266	545	4.3
Jonesboro	40,295	38,657	1,638	4.1	40,915	39,150	1,765	4.3	39,453	38,107	1,346	3.4
Little Rock	107,189	102,679	4,510	4.2	108,282	103,674	4,608	4.3	104,744	100,948	3,796	3.6
North Little Rock	34,117	32,620	1,497	4.4	34,442	32,936	1,506	4.4	33,345	32,070	1,275	3.8
Paragould	13,280	12,686	594	4.5	13,351	12,758	593	4.4	13,094	12,601	493	3.8
Pine Bluff	15,106	14,044	1,062	7.0	15,128	13,987	1,141	7.5	15,106	14,220	886	5.9
Rogers	41,489	40,232	1,257	3.0	41,850	40,602	1,248	3.0	40,165	39,161	1,004	2.5
Russellville	13,366	12,726	640	4.8	13,191	12,518	673	5.1	13,551	13,003	548	4.0
Searcy	10,287	9,829	458	4.5	10,064	9,575	489	4.9	10,084	9,691	393	3.9
Sherwood	17,332	16,665	667	3.8	17,519	16,827	692	3.9	16,899	16,384	515	3.0
Springdale	45,483	44,032	1,451	3.2	45,954	44,453	1,501	3.3	44,076	42,873	1,203	2.7
Texarkana, AR	12,562	11,927	635	5.1	12,680	12,031	649	5.1	12,303	11,737	566	4.6
Van Buren	10,691	10,249	442	4.1	10,700	10,259	441	4.1	10,516	10,127	389	3.7
West Memphis	9,692	9,030	662	6.8	9,835	9,075	760	7.7	9,453	8,957	496	5.2



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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	August 2025				July 2025				August 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	7,553	7,216	337	4.5	7,560	7,211	349	4.6	7,589	7,332	257	3.4
Ashley	6,749	6,341	408	6.0	6,534	6,101	433	6.6	6,621	6,231	390	5.9
Baxter	16,849	16,090	759	4.5	16,809	16,033	776	4.6	16,673	16,022	651	3.9
Benton	168,513	163,244	5,269	3.1	170,251	164,748	5,503	3.2	163,420	158,901	4,519	2.8
Boone	16,198	15,518	680	4.2	16,125	15,350	775	4.8	16,181	15,617	564	3.5
Bradley	3,718	3,496	222	6.0	3,670	3,422	248	6.8	3,820	3,635	185	4.8
Calhoun	2,105	2,006	99	4.7	2,099	2,000	99	4.7	2,058	1,979	79	3.8
Carroll	12,136	11,658	478	3.9	11,971	11,488	483	4.0	12,300	11,867	433	3.5
Chicot	3,238	3,031	207	6.4	3,264	3,060	204	6.3	3,210	3,014	196	6.1
Clark	9,889	9,372	517	5.2	9,604	9,054	550	5.7	9,507	9,066	441	4.6
Clay	6,143	5,891	252	4.1	6,098	5,826	272	4.5	6,186	5,973	213	3.4
Cleburne	10,159	9,668	491	4.8	10,139	9,642	497	4.9	10,070	9,683	387	3.8
Cleveland	3,048	2,905	143	4.7	2,961	2,816	145	4.9	3,028	2,911	117	3.9
Columbia	8,838	8,373	465	5.3	8,442	7,957	485	5.7	8,955	8,567	388	4.3
Conway	9,255	8,853	402	4.3	9,199	8,797	402	4.4	9,220	8,895	325	3.5
Craighead	57,686	55,456	2,230	3.9	58,558	56,162	2,396	4.1	56,482	54,666	1,816	3.2
Crawford	26,333	25,211	1,122	4.3	26,378	25,235	1,143	4.3	25,882	24,912	970	3.7
Crittenden	21,162	19,977	1,185	5.6	21,384	20,076	1,308	6.1	20,765	19,816	949	4.6
Cross	7,503	7,188	315	4.2	7,439	7,112	327	4.4	7,489	7,219	270	3.6
Dallas	2,746	2,626	120	4.4	2,746	2,616	130	4.7	2,712	2,604	108	4.0
Desha	3,988	3,701	287	7.2	3,973	3,679	294	7.4	4,103	3,810	293	7.1
Drew	7,968	7,581	387	4.9	7,649	7,247	402	5.3	7,930	7,601	329	4.1
Faulkner	67,625	65,126	2,499	3.7	68,368	65,762	2,606	3.8	66,090	64,027	2,063	3.1
Franklin	7,527	7,207	320	4.3	7,388	7,061	327	4.4	7,354	7,089	265	3.6
Fulton	3,932	3,720	212	5.4	3,912	3,698	214	5.5	3,924	3,748	176	4.5
Garland	44,060	42,193	1,867	4.2	44,796	42,820	1,976	4.4	43,717	42,118	1,599	3.7
Grant	8,980	8,663	317	3.5	9,080	8,765	315	3.5	8,791	8,524	267	3.0
Greene	20,390	19,491	899	4.4	20,502	19,602	900	4.4	20,123	19,360	763	3.8
Hempstead	8,571	8,176	395	4.6	8,569	8,171	398	4.6	8,336	8,020	316	3.8
Hot Spring	13,240	12,628	612	4.6	13,316	12,691	625	4.7	13,294	12,763	531	4.0
Howard	4,849	4,598	251	5.2	4,886	4,635	251	5.1	5,017	4,846	171	3.4
Independence	18,238	17,552	686	3.8	18,237	17,538	699	3.8	17,845	17,191	654	3.7
Izard	4,029	3,751	278	6.9	3,810	3,537	273	7.2	4,127	3,873	254	6.2
Jackson	5,771	5,510	261	4.5	5,683	5,410	273	4.8	5,706	5,453	253	4.4
Jefferson	24,549	22,999	1,550	6.3	24,538	22,906	1,632	6.7	24,589	23,287	1,302	5.3
Johnson	9,608	9,074	534	5.6	9,612	9,047	565	5.9	9,896	9,360	536	5.4
Lafayette	2,278	2,147	131	5.8	2,228	2,096	132	5.9	2,352	2,235	117	5.0
Lawrence	6,755	6,461	294	4.4	6,545	6,243	302	4.6	6,658	6,411	247	3.7
Lee	2,358	2,211	147	6.2	2,385	2,227	158	6.6	2,408	2,278	130	5.4
Lincoln	3,332	3,152	180	5.4	3,292	3,100	192	5.8	3,436	3,241	195	5.7
Little River	5,270	5,052	218	4.1	5,305	5,095	210	4.0	5,159	4,968	191	3.7
Logan	8,919	8,529	390	4.4	8,671	8,275	396	4.6	8,916	8,580	336	3.8
Lonoke	37,641	36,301	1,340	3.6	38,043	36,682	1,361	3.6	36,806	35,692	1,114	3.0
Madison	8,511	8,230	281	3.3	8,659	8,369	290	3.3	8,312	8,062	250	3.0
Marion	5,269	4,946	323	6.1	5,271	4,931	340	6.5	5,309	5,038	271	5.1
Miller	17,518	16,644	874	5.0	17,702	16,789	913	5.2	17,140	16,378	762	4.4

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	August 2025				July 2025				August 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	21,144	20,085	1,059	5.0	21,190	19,923	1,267	6.0	21,042	20,145	897	4.3
Monroe	2,681	2,530	151	5.6	2,653	2,498	155	5.8	2,708	2,577	131	4.8
Montgomery	3,107	2,953	154	5.0	3,105	2,944	161	5.2	3,050	2,913	137	4.5
Nevada	2,581	2,434	147	5.7	2,550	2,390	160	6.3	2,526	2,397	129	5.1
Newton	2,633	2,509	124	4.7	2,604	2,471	133	5.1	2,617	2,512	105	4.0
Ouachita	8,970	8,503	467	5.2	8,917	8,435	482	5.4	8,991	8,583	408	4.5
Perry	4,402	4,200	202	4.6	4,463	4,252	211	4.7	4,297	4,133	164	3.8
Phillips	4,739	4,405	334	7.0	4,636	4,266	370	8.0	4,877	4,596	281	5.8
Pike	4,339	4,165	174	4.0	4,210	4,030	180	4.3	4,257	4,099	158	3.7
Poinsett	10,242	9,824	418	4.1	10,421	9,967	454	4.4	10,056	9,691	365	3.6
Polk	7,398	7,075	323	4.4	7,243	6,891	352	4.9	7,494	7,171	323	4.3
Pope	27,748	26,368	1,380	5.0	27,417	25,936	1,481	5.4	28,175	26,941	1,234	4.4
Prairie	3,611	3,468	143	4.0	3,509	3,364	145	4.1	3,687	3,578	109	3.0
Pulaski	204,699	195,970	8,729	4.3	206,752	197,869	8,883	4.3	199,927	192,666	7,261	3.6
Randolph	8,001	7,678	323	4.0	7,941	7,586	355	4.5	7,773	7,480	293	3.8
St. Francis	7,827	7,362	465	5.9	7,751	7,293	458	5.9	7,768	7,329	439	5.7
Saline	67,625	65,339	2,286	3.4	68,371	65,990	2,381	3.5	66,147	64,237	1,910	2.9
Scott	4,089	3,925	164	4.0	4,050	3,879	171	4.2	4,180	4,045	135	3.2
Searcy	3,180	3,045	135	4.2	3,039	2,900	139	4.6	3,163	3,041	122	3.9
Sebastian	60,007	57,617	2,390	4.0	60,122	57,683	2,439	4.1	58,968	56,938	2,030	3.4
Sevier	7,154	6,913	241	3.4	7,083	6,820	263	3.7	7,102	6,891	211	3.0
Sharp	6,542	6,231	311	4.8	6,542	6,226	316	4.8	6,471	6,200	271	4.2
Stone	4,178	3,932	246	5.9	4,147	3,906	241	5.8	4,080	3,878	202	5.0
Union	15,417	14,547	870	5.6	15,211	14,295	916	6.0	15,915	15,051	864	5.4
Van Buren	5,923	5,625	298	5.0	5,903	5,596	307	5.2	5,827	5,580	247	4.2
Washington	140,380	135,689	4,691	3.3	141,956	136,994	4,962	3.5	136,010	132,126	3,884	2.9
White	35,418	33,985	1,433	4.0	34,613	33,108	1,505	4.3	34,792	33,508	1,284	3.7
Woodruff	2,954	2,843	111	3.8	2,825	2,713	112	4.0	2,937	2,836	101	3.4
Yell	9,277	8,874	403	4.3	9,201	8,793	408	4.4	9,357	9,024	333	3.6

### County Labor Force Summary

Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 60 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were stable in eleven counties, while four counties posted rate increases. Rates ranged from a low of 3.1% in Benton County to a high of 7.2% in Desha County.

In August, no county in Arkansas had an unemployment rate at or below 3%. Two counties reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent, down from three counties above 7% in July.

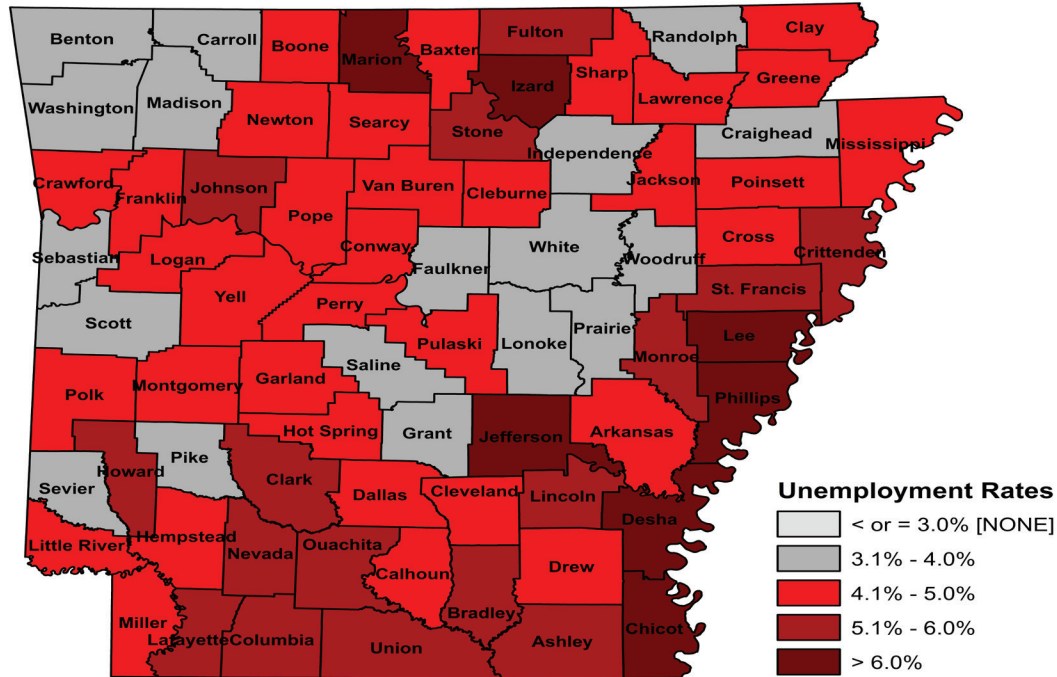
Compared to August 2024, jobless rates are up in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Only Lincoln County posted a lower rate over the year, down three-tenths of a percentage point. Rate increases ranged from as little as one-tenth of a percentage point in 5 counties to as much as a one and eight-tenths of a percentage point increase in Howard County. The average annual jobless rate increase was six-tenths of a percentage point.



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### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.1	26	Conway	4.3	48	Pope	5.0
2	Madison	3.3	26	Crawford	4.3	48	Van Buren	5.0
2	Washington	3.3	26	Franklin	4.3	53	Clark	5.2
4	Saline	3.4	26	Pulaski	4.3	53	Howard	5.2
4	Sevier	3.4	26	Yell	4.3	53	Ouachita	5.2
6	Grant	3.5	31	Dallas	4.4	56	Columbia	5.3
7	Lonoke	3.6	31	Greene	4.4	57	Fulton	5.4
8	Faulkner	3.7	31	Lawrence	4.4	57	Lincoln	5.4
9	Independence	3.8	31	Logan	4.4	59	Crittenden	5.6
9	Woodruff	3.8	31	Polk	4.4	59	Johnson	5.6
11	Carroll	3.9	36	Arkansas	4.5	59	Monroe	5.6
11	Craighead	3.9	36	Baxter	4.5	59	Union	5.6
13	Pike	4.0	36	Jackson	4.5	63	Nevada	5.7
13	Prairie	4.0	39	Hempstead	4.6	64	Lafayette	5.8
13	Randolph	4.0	39	Hot Spring	4.6	65	St. Francis	5.9
13	Scott	4.0	39	Perry	4.6	65	Stone	5.9
13	Sebastian	4.0	42	Calhoun	4.7	67	Ashley	6.0
13	White	4.0	42	Cleveland	4.7	67	Bradley	6.0
19	Clay	4.1	42	Newton	4.7	69	Marion	6.1
19	Little River	4.1	45	Cleburne	4.8	70	Lee	6.2
19	Poinsett	4.1	45	Sharp	4.8	71	Jefferson	6.3
22	Boone	4.2	47	Drew	4.9	72	Chicot	6.4
22	Cross	4.2	48	Miller	5.0	73	Izard	6.9
22	Garland	4.2	48	Mississippi	5.0	74	Phillips	7.0
22	Searcy	4.2	48	Montgomery	5.0	75	Desha	7.2

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### Local Workforce Development Areas

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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	August 2025				July 2025				August 2024			
<u>LWDA</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Central (minus LR)	276,693	266,055	10,638	3.8	279,414	268,491	10,923	3.9	270,621	261,829	8,792	3.2
City of Little Rock	107,189	102,679	4,510	4.2	108,282	103,674	4,608	4.3	104,744	100,948	3,796	3.6
Eastern	43,589	41,143	2,446	5.6	43,595	40,974	2,621	6.0	43,307	41,238	2,069	4.8
North Central	97,144	92,817	4,327	4.5	95,811	91,374	4,437	4.6	95,779	91,950	3,829	4.0
Northeast	130,361	124,886	5,475	4.2	131,255	125,309	5,946	4.5	128,320	123,726	4,594	3.6
Northwest	373,669	360,929	12,740	3.4	376,685	363,284	13,401	3.6	363,985	353,186	10,799	3.0
Southeast	73,123	69,085	4,038	5.5	72,521	68,307	4,214	5.8	73,117	69,586	3,531	4.8
Southwest	86,297	82,019	4,278	5.0	85,738	81,299	4,439	5.2	86,263	82,519	3,744	4.3
West Central	134,925	128,680	6,245	4.6	134,923	128,364	6,559	4.9	134,770	129,312	5,458	4.0
Western	114,273	109,564	4,709	4.1	113,852	109,024	4,828	4.2	112,794	108,735	4,059	3.6

