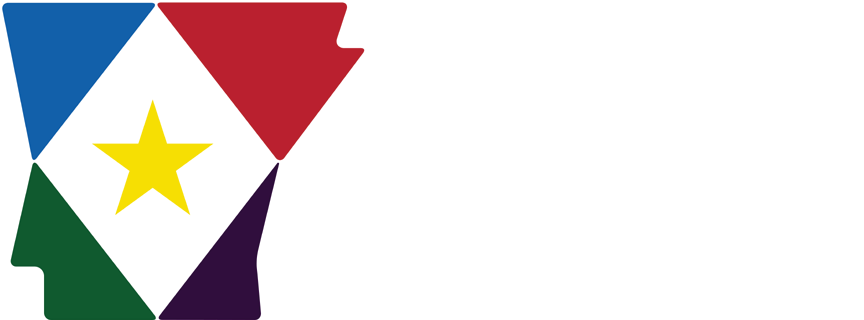
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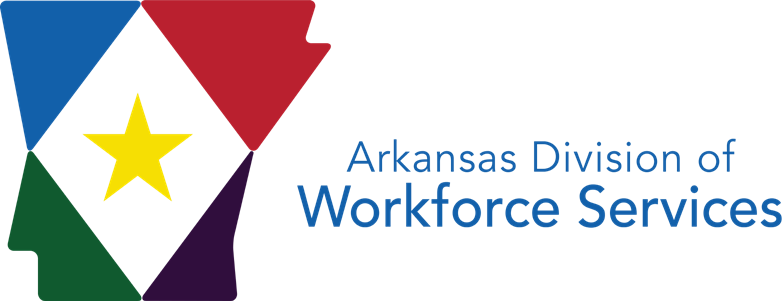
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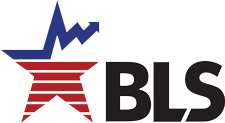
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2023 benchmark.

#### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar 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 em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### Unemployment Rate

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**July 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 separa- tions. 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 avail- able is for June 2024.

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

State of Arkansas

July 2019 - July 2024

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

-

Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Jul '24

Job Openings Number of Unemployed

For more data published from the JOLTS, to learn more about the survey, or to see additional JOLTS publications, please visit the BLS website by clicking here.

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.3% between June and July. The United States’ jobless rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point, increasing from 4.1% in June to 4.3% in July.

The size of Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 5,129 in July, as the number of employed rose 4,918 over-the-month. Civilian labor force and employment both remain at record high levels for a 5th consecutive month, as the labor force participation rate rose to 57.9% in July.

Compared to July 2023, there are 18,622 more employed Arkansans. The civilian labor force is up 20,847, with an additional 2,225 unemployed residents actively looking for work. Arkansas’ labor force participation rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point, rising from 57.6% in July 2023 to 57.9% in July 2024.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,354,671 1,349,753 1,336,049 Employment 1,370,079 1,374,743 1,344,027

Unemployment 46,741 46,530 44,516 Unemployment 55,853 52,917 51,357

Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.3% 3.2% Unemployment Rate 3.9% 3.7% 3.7%

LF Participation Rate 57.9% 57.7% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 58.9% 59.0% 58.2%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** |  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,401,412 | 1,396,283 | 1,380,565 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,425,932 | 1,427,660 | 1,395,384 |

1,380,000

1,360,000

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

#### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

July: 2004 - 2024

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1362.9 | 1377.9 | 1331.5 | -15.0 | 31.4 |
| Goods Producing | 235.2 | 236.5 | 231.7 | -1.3 | 3.5 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 72.5 | 74.0 | 68.9 | -1.5 | 3.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Construction** | **67.1** | **68.6** | **63.7** | **-1.5** | **3.4** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.6 | 43.6 | 39.9 | -1.0 | 2.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.7** | **162.5** | **162.8** | **0.2** | **-0.1** |
| Durable Goods | 77.4 | 77.6 | 78.8 | -0.2 | -1.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.3 | 84.9 | 84.0 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Service Providing | 1127.7 | 1141.4 | 1099.8 | -13.7 | 27.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **269.4** | **269.2** | **266.5** | **0.2** | **2.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.4 | 51.1 | 52.5 | 0.3 | -1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 145.5 | 145.6 | 142.5 | -0.1 | 3.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.5 | 72.5 | 71.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| **Information** | **12.8** | **12.3** | **12.8** | **0.5** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **73.0** | **72.1** | **70.5** | **0.9** | **2.5** |
| Finance & Insurance | 57.6 | 56.8 | 55.1 | 0.8 | 2.5 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **159.4** | **161.1** | **153.1** | **-1.7** | **6.3** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.1 | 51.0 | 49.5 | -0.9 | 0.6 |
| Management of Companies | 39.0 | 38.9 | 38.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 70.3 | 71.2 | 65.3 | -0.9 | 5.0 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **214.6** | **214.9** | **203.7** | **-0.3** | **10.9** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 16.9 | 17.3 | 14.6 | -0.4 | 2.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 197.7 | 197.6 | 189.1 | 0.1 | 8.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 70.3 | 69.8 | 65.8 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| Social Assistance | 40.0 | 40.9 | 38.0 | -0.9 | 2.0 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **132.6** | **132.9** | **128.9** | **-0.3** | **3.7** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 15.1 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 117.5 | 118.0 | 113.9 | -0.5 | 3.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Food Services | 105.4 | 105.9 | 101.6 | -0.5 | 3.8 |
| **Other Services** | **67.5** | **69.5** | **67.7** | **-2.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government** | **198.4** | **209.4** | **196.6** | **-11.0** | **1.8** |
| Federal Government | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| State Government | 71.3 | 72.8 | 71.2 | -1.5 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 25.2 | 26.7 | 25.0 | -1.5 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 105.2 | 114.8 | 104.0 | -9.6 | 1.2 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 58.4 | 68.1 | 57.6 | -9.7 | 0.8 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 46.8 | 46.7 | 46.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

June 2024 - July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

-12,000 -10,000 -8,000 -6,000 -4,000 -2,000

0

2,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Financial Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 900 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500 |
| Trade-Transport-Utilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 200 |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 200 |
| Mining & Logging  Private Ed & Health |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -300 | 0 |
| Leisure & Hospitality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -300 |  |
| Construction |  |  |  |  |  | -1,500 | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional & Business |  |  |  |  |  | -1,700 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Services  Government | -11, | 000 |  |  |  | -2,000 |  | | |  |

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

July 2023 - July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

Professional & Business

10,900

6,300

Leisure & Hospitality

Construction Trade-Transport-Utilities

3,700

3,400

Financial Activities

Government Mining & Logging

Information

2,900

2,500

1,800

200

0

Manufacturing

Other Services

-100

-200

-6,000 -3,500 -1,000 1,500 4,000 6,500 9,000 11,500 14,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Jul 24**

Average Weekly Hours 37.2

Average Hourly Earnings $22.46

Average Weekly Earnings $835.51

**Jun 24**

38.7

$21.48

$831.28

**Jul 23**

38.6

$21.37

$824.88

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jul 24**

Average Weekly Hours

**Jul 23**

43.6

Average Hourly Earnings $25.34

Average Weekly Earnings $1,011.07

39.9

**Jun 24**

40.9

$23.27

$989.37 $1,014.57

$24.19

**Jul 24**

Average Weekly Hours 34.7

Average Hourly Earnings $19.50

Average Weekly Earnings $676.65

**Jun 24**

36.7

$19.21

$705.01

**Jul 23**

33.9

$19.12

$648.17

#### Average Hourly Earnings- Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

July 2021 - July 2024

$27.00

$25.00

$23.00

$21.00

$19.00

$17.00

$15.00

Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Jul '24

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.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 387,491 | 383,196 | 374,553 | 4,295 | 12,938 |
| **Employment** | 373,661 | 369,999 | 362,244 | 3,662 | 11,417 |
| **Unemployment** | 13,830 | 13,197 | 12,309 | 633 | 1,521 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.4% | 3.3% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 397.1 | 400.8 | 385.4 | -3.7 | 11.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 43.0 | 43.1 | 41.4 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.5** | **22.6** | **21.3** | **-0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Manufacturing 20.5** | **20.5** | **20.1** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 354.1 | 357.7 | 344.0 | -3.6 | 10.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.0** | **78.5** | **77.6** | **-0.5** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.6 | 39.0 | 38.6 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.3 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.2** | **5.5** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 28.4** | **28.1** | **28.0** | **0.3** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.6** | **51.7** | **47.7** | **-1.1** | **2.9** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 66.8** | **67.2** | **62.8** | **-0.4** | **4.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.3** | **36.2** | **35.5** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Other Services 20.0** | **20.1** | **19.8** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government 68.7** | **70.7** | **67.1** | **-2.0** | **1.6** |
| **Federal Government** 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **State Government** 32.7 | 32.9 | 32.6 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 25.2 | 27.1 | 24.1 | -1.9 | 1.1 |

380,000

#### Employment

July 2021 - July 2024

410,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2014 - 2024

390,000

370,000

360,000

350,000

370,000

350,000

330,000

340,000

310,000

330,000

290,000

320,000

270,000

310,000

Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Jul '24

250,000

'04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22 '24

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 328,088 | 324,315 | 315,758 | 3,773 | 12,330 |
| **Employment** | 318,407 | 315,109 | 307,239 | 3,298 | 11,168 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,681 | 9,206 | 8,519 | 475 | 1,162 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0% | 2.8% | 2.7% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 311.9 | 314.1 | 300.8 | -2.2 | 11.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.3 | 49.3 | 47.1 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.0** | **18.1** | **16.9** | **-0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Manufacturing 31.3** | **31.2** | **30.2** | **0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Service Providing** 262.6 | 264.8 | 253.7 | -2.2 | 8.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.9** | **63.0** | **62.7** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.7 | 29.9 | 29.1 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.3 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 12.7** | **12.6** | **12.5** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 60.4** | **60.4** | **58.6** | **0.0** | **1.8** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 37.2** | **37.3** | **34.8** | **-0.1** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.1** | **33.2** | **31.0** | **-0.1** | **2.1** |
| **Other Services 14.0** | **14.0** | **13.5** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Government 40.0** | **42.0** | **38.2** | **-2.0** | **1.8** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 17.6 | 17.9 | 16.4 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.2 | 20.9 | 18.7 | -1.7 | 0.5 |

#### Job Change by Major Industry Sector

July 2023 vs July 2024

Private Ed & Health

2,400

2,100

1,800

1,800

1,100

1,100

500

200

200

Leisure & Hospitality

Government

Professional & Business

Mining-Logging-Construct

Manufacturing

Other Services

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Financial Activities

Information

-100

-500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 123,930 | 124,031 | 121,500 | -101 | 2,430 |
| **Employment** | 118,966 | 119,155 | 116,596 | -189 | 2,370 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,964 | 4,876 | 4,904 | 88 | 60 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0% | 3.9% | 4.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 116.3 | 118.5 | 113.6 | -2.2 | 2.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.8 | 25.8 | 24.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.3** | **6.3** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 19.5** | **19.5** | **19.0** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 90.5 | 92.7 | 88.7 | -2.2 | 1.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.0** | **24.1** | **23.9** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.5** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.9** | **4.8** | **4.8** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.9** | **12.0** | **11.3** | **-0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.2** | **19.3** | **18.3** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.8** | **10.7** | **10.3** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services 4.0** | **4.1** | **4.0** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 14.3** | **16.3** | **14.6** | **-2.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 10.9 | 12.9 | 11.1 | -2.0 | -0.2 |

6,000

#### Unemployment

July 2021 - July 2024

20,000

#### Jobs in Manufacturing

July: 2014 - 2024

5,000

19,000

18,000

4,000

17,000

16,000

3,000 15,000

2,000

14,000

13,000

1,000

12,000

11,000

0

Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Jul '24

10,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,940 | 42,433 | 42,678 | 507 | 262 |
| **Employment** | 41,157 | 40,680 | 40,925 | 477 | 232 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,783 | 1,753 | 1,753 | 30 | 30 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 4.1% | 4.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.1 | 41.3 | 40.8 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 36.7 | 36.8 | 36.3 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.0 | -0.2 | 0.1 |

38,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July: 2014 - 2014

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 70,676 | 69,873 | 68,642 | 803 | 2,034 |
| **Employment** | 68,188 | 67,541 | 66,447 | 647 | 1,741 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,488 | 2,332 | 2,195 | 156 | 293 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5% | 3.3% | 3.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.7 | 65.2 | 63.0 | -0.5 | 1.7 |
| 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 53.0 | 53.4 | 51.4 | -0.4 | 1.6 |
| 8.7 | 9.0 | 8.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 |

66,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July 2021 - July 2024

65,000

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Jul '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,885 | 32,841 | 32,444 | 44 | 441 |
| **Employment** | 31,037 | 31,175 | 30,781 | -138 | 256 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,848 | 1,666 | 1,663 | 182 | 185 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.6% | 5.1% | 5.1% | 0.5% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 30.9 | 31.5 | 30.6 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 25.5 | 26.1 | 25.2 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| 7.9 | 8.4 | 8.1 | -0.5 | -0.2 |

45,000

#### Employment

July: 2004 - 2014

42,500

40,000

37,500

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

35,000

32,500

30,000

27,500

25,000

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 627,986 | 622,404 | 628,313 | 5,582 | -327 |
| **Employment** | 599,143 | 593,580 | 600,555 | 5,563 | -1,412 |
| **Unemployment** | 28,843 | 28,824 | 27,758 | 19 | 1,085 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6% | 4.6% | 4.4% | 0.0% | 0.2% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,590 | 63,531 | 63,003 | 59 | 587 |
| **Employment** | 60,774 | 60,649 | 60,258 | 125 | 516 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,816 | 2,882 | 2,745 | -66 | 71 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4% | 4.5% | 4.4% | -0.1% | 0.0% |

615,000

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

July 2021 - July 2024

10.0%

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates

July: 2014 - 2024

610,000

9.0%

605,000

8.0%

7.0%

600,000

6.0%

595,000 5.0%

590,000

4.0%

585,000

3.0%

2.0%

580,000

1.0%

575,000

Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Jul '24

0.0%

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **July 2024 June 2024 July 2023**  **Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,585 | 8,078 | 507 | 5.9 | 8,643 | 8,186 | 457 | 5.3 | 8,427 | 7,926 | 501 | 5.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,922 | 16,297 | 625 | 3.7 | 17,175 | 16,574 | 601 | 3.5 | 16,996 | 16,284 | 712 | 4.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,996 | 16,874 | 1,122 | 6.2 | 17,991 | 17,012 | 979 | 5.4 | 16,999 | 15,923 | 1,076 | 6.3 |
| Camden Micro | 11,918 | 11,382 | 536 | 4.5 | 12,254 | 11,743 | 511 | 4.2 | 11,839 | 11,371 | 468 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,788 | 13,866 | 922 | 6.2 | 15,164 | 14,319 | 845 | 5.6 | 14,718 | 13,938 | 780 | 5.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,579 | 7,082 | 497 | 6.6 | 7,687 | 7,222 | 465 | 6.0 | 7,637 | 7,200 | 437 | 5.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,757 | 17,998 | 759 | 4.0 | 19,322 | 18,589 | 733 | 3.8 | 18,988 | 18,298 | 690 | 3.6 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,018 | 4,666 | 352 | 7.0 | 5,329 | 5,010 | 319 | 6.0 | 5,093 | 4,718 | 375 | 7.4 |
| Hope Micro | 11,918 | 11,375 | 543 | 4.6 | 12,387 | 11,867 | 520 | 4.2 | 12,337 | 11,812 | 525 | 4.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,277 | 7,827 | 450 | 5.4 | 8,681 | 8,273 | 408 | 4.7 | 8,168 | 7,733 | 435 | 5.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,132 | 13,509 | 623 | 4.4 | 14,125 | 13,532 | 593 | 4.2 | 13,963 | 13,376 | 587 | 4.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,103 | 16,350 | 753 | 4.4 | 17,349 | 16,611 | 738 | 4.3 | 17,076 | 16,409 | 667 | 3.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,830 | 19,009 | 821 | 4.1 | 20,032 | 19,241 | 791 | 3.9 | 19,789 | 19,072 | 717 | 3.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,443 | 34,630 | 1,813 | 5.0 | 37,229 | 35,607 | 1,622 | 4.4 | 36,327 | 34,555 | 1,772 | 4.9 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,500 | 33,023 | 1,477 | 4.3 | 35,183 | 33,788 | 1,395 | 4.0 | 33,416 | 32,100 | 1,316 | 3.9 |

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 Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**July 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2023**

**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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 14,100 | 13,610 | 490 | 3.5 | 13,959 | 13,463 | 496 | 3.6 | 13,599 | 13,122 | 477 | 3.5 |
| Benton | 19,304 | 18,663 | 641 | 3.3 | 19,085 | 18,469 | 616 | 3.2 | 18,703 | 18,088 | 615 | 3.3 |
| Bentonville | 34,242 | 33,284 | 958 | 2.8 | 33,859 | 32,923 | 936 | 2.8 | 32,914 | 32,089 | 825 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville | 6,115 | 5,648 | 467 | 7.6 | 6,102 | 5,695 | 407 | 6.7 | 5,823 | 5,330 | 493 | 8.5 |
| Cabot | 12,995 | 12,566 | 429 | 3.3 | 12,867 | 12,481 | 386 | 3.0 | 12,560 | 12,205 | 355 | 2.8 |
| Conway | 37,428 | 36,180 | 1,248 | 3.3 | 37,011 | 35,837 | 1,174 | 3.2 | 36,232 | 35,096 | 1,136 | 3.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,380 | 5,967 | 413 | 6.5 | 6,571 | 6,162 | 409 | 6.2 | 6,363 | 5,998 | 365 | 5.7 |
| Fayetteville | 55,939 | 54,254 | 1,685 | 3.0 | 55,210 | 53,668 | 1,542 | 2.8 | 53,873 | 52,334 | 1,539 | 2.9 |
| Fort Smith | 40,259 | 38,698 | 1,561 | 3.9 | 40,171 | 38,688 | 1,483 | 3.7 | 39,499 | 37,786 | 1,713 | 4.3 |
| Hot Springs | 15,953 | 15,230 | 723 | 4.5 | 15,787 | 15,054 | 733 | 4.6 | 15,842 | 15,145 | 697 | 4.4 |
| Jacksonville | 12,645 | 12,044 | 601 | 4.8 | 12,431 | 11,917 | 514 | 4.1 | 12,136 | 11,669 | 467 | 3.8 |
| Jonesboro | 42,644 | 41,112 | 1,532 | 3.6 | 42,094 | 40,679 | 1,415 | 3.4 | 41,361 | 40,037 | 1,324 | 3.2 |
| Little Rock | 105,183 | 101,080 | 4,103 | 3.9 | 103,904 | 100,021 | 3,883 | 3.7 | 101,522 | 97,935 | 3,587 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 32,367 | 31,083 | 1,284 | 4.0 | 32,026 | 30,757 | 1,269 | 4.0 | 31,307 | 30,116 | 1,191 | 3.8 |
| Paragould | 12,605 | 12,081 | 524 | 4.2 | 12,746 | 12,228 | 518 | 4.1 | 12,598 | 12,121 | 477 | 3.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,452 | 14,433 | 1,019 | 6.6 | 15,368 | 14,471 | 897 | 5.8 | 15,219 | 14,293 | 926 | 6.1 |
| Rogers | 41,916 | 40,833 | 1,083 | 2.6 | 41,437 | 40,390 | 1,047 | 2.5 | 40,328 | 39,368 | 960 | 2.4 |
| Russellville | 13,119 | 12,479 | 640 | 4.9 | 13,374 | 12,812 | 562 | 4.2 | 13,070 | 12,441 | 629 | 4.8 |
| Searcy | 10,460 | 9,972 | 488 | 4.7 | 10,631 | 10,203 | 428 | 4.0 | 10,089 | 9,694 | 395 | 3.9 |
| Sherwood | 17,534 | 16,963 | 571 | 3.3 | 17,357 | 16,785 | 572 | 3.3 | 16,946 | 16,435 | 511 | 3.0 |
| Springdale | 44,574 | 43,329 | 1,245 | 2.8 | 44,036 | 42,860 | 1,176 | 2.7 | 42,836 | 41,794 | 1,042 | 2.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,223 | 12,612 | 611 | 4.6 | 13,106 | 12,525 | 581 | 4.4 | 13,155 | 12,549 | 606 | 4.6 |
| Van Buren | 10,722 | 10,340 | 382 | 3.6 | 10,732 | 10,354 | 378 | 3.5 | 10,592 | 10,104 | 488 | 4.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,321 | 9,672 | 649 | 6.3 | 10,074 | 9,523 | 551 | 5.5 | 10,281 | 9,713 | 568 | 5.5 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **July 2024** | |  |  | **June 2024** | |  |  | **July 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,802 | 8,506 | 296 | 3.4 | 8,833 | 8,547 | 286 | 3.2 | 9,305 | 9,044 | 261 | 2.8 |
| Ashley | 6,728 | 6,275 | 453 | 6.7 | 7,001 | 6,590 | 411 | 5.9 | 6,392 | 5,968 | 424 | 6.6 |
| Baxter | 17,103 | 16,350 | 753 | 4.4 | 17,349 | 16,611 | 738 | 4.3 | 17,076 | 16,409 | 667 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 163,498 | 158,795 | 4,703 | 2.9 | 161,622 | 157,072 | 4,550 | 2.8 | 157,343 | 153,095 | 4,248 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,614 | 14,989 | 625 | 4.0 | 16,076 | 15,471 | 605 | 3.8 | 15,787 | 15,227 | 560 | 3.5 |
| Bradley | 3,978 | 3,782 | 196 | 4.9 | 4,194 | 4,015 | 179 | 4.3 | 4,000 | 3,797 | 203 | 5.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,336 | 2,253 | 83 | 3.6 | 2,427 | 2,336 | 91 | 3.7 | 2,327 | 2,258 | 69 | 3.0 |
| Carroll | 12,537 | 12,080 | 457 | 3.6 | 12,890 | 12,442 | 448 | 3.5 | 12,451 | 12,078 | 373 | 3.0 |
| Chicot | 2,895 | 2,699 | 196 | 6.8 | 2,923 | 2,739 | 184 | 6.3 | 2,945 | 2,758 | 187 | 6.3 |
| Clark | 8,585 | 8,078 | 507 | 5.9 | 8,643 | 8,186 | 457 | 5.3 | 8,427 | 7,926 | 501 | 5.9 |
| Clay | 5,401 | 5,155 | 246 | 4.6 | 5,572 | 5,324 | 248 | 4.5 | 5,472 | 5,224 | 248 | 4.5 |
| Cleburne | 9,135 | 8,698 | 437 | 4.8 | 9,386 | 8,967 | 419 | 4.5 | 9,208 | 8,829 | 379 | 4.1 |
| Cleveland | 3,118 | 2,979 | 139 | 4.5 | 3,144 | 3,010 | 134 | 4.3 | 3,091 | 2,968 | 123 | 4.0 |
| Columbia | 8,277 | 7,827 | 450 | 5.4 | 8,681 | 8,273 | 408 | 4.7 | 8,168 | 7,733 | 435 | 5.3 |
| Conway | 8,501 | 8,134 | 367 | 4.3 | 8,660 | 8,305 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,361 | 7,996 | 365 | 4.4 |
| Craighead | 60,257 | 58,216 | 2,041 | 3.4 | 59,518 | 57,603 | 1,915 | 3.2 | 58,519 | 56,694 | 1,825 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 27,520 | 26,464 | 1,056 | 3.8 | 27,523 | 26,498 | 1,025 | 3.7 | 26,949 | 25,859 | 1,090 | 4.0 |
| Crittenden | 20,978 | 19,819 | 1,159 | 5.5 | 20,513 | 19,515 | 998 | 4.9 | 20,963 | 19,903 | 1,060 | 5.1 |
| Cross | 6,993 | 6,690 | 303 | 4.3 | 7,204 | 6,915 | 289 | 4.0 | 6,976 | 6,721 | 255 | 3.7 |
| Dallas | 2,704 | 2,581 | 123 | 4.5 | 2,744 | 2,627 | 117 | 4.3 | 2,651 | 2,536 | 115 | 4.3 |
| Desha | 4,829 | 4,497 | 332 | 6.9 | 4,954 | 4,653 | 301 | 6.1 | 4,964 | 4,690 | 274 | 5.5 |
| Drew | 7,149 | 6,780 | 369 | 5.2 | 7,452 | 7,106 | 346 | 4.6 | 7,134 | 6,777 | 357 | 5.0 |
| Faulkner | 67,939 | 65,716 | 2,223 | 3.3 | 67,227 | 65,093 | 2,134 | 3.2 | 65,795 | 63,748 | 2,047 | 3.1 |
| Franklin | 7,519 | 7,225 | 294 | 3.9 | 7,712 | 7,431 | 281 | 3.6 | 7,408 | 7,142 | 266 | 3.6 |
| Fulton | 4,303 | 4,103 | 200 | 4.6 | 4,604 | 4,400 | 204 | 4.4 | 4,416 | 4,213 | 203 | 4.6 |
| Garland | 42,940 | 41,157 | 1,783 | 4.2 | 42,433 | 40,680 | 1,753 | 4.1 | 42,678 | 40,925 | 1,753 | 4.1 |
| Grant | 9,092 | 8,789 | 303 | 3.3 | 9,021 | 8,726 | 295 | 3.3 | 8,819 | 8,523 | 296 | 3.4 |
| Greene | 19,830 | 19,009 | 821 | 4.1 | 20,032 | 19,241 | 791 | 3.9 | 19,789 | 19,072 | 717 | 3.6 |
| Hempstead | 8,718 | 8,331 | 387 | 4.4 | 9,068 | 8,698 | 370 | 4.1 | 9,022 | 8,652 | 370 | 4.1 |
| Hot Spring | 14,132 | 13,509 | 623 | 4.4 | 14,125 | 13,532 | 593 | 4.2 | 13,963 | 13,376 | 587 | 4.2 |
| Howard | 4,928 | 4,722 | 206 | 4.2 | 5,076 | 4,872 | 204 | 4.0 | 5,379 | 5,166 | 213 | 4.0 |
| Independence | 16,922 | 16,297 | 625 | 3.7 | 17,175 | 16,574 | 601 | 3.5 | 16,996 | 16,284 | 712 | 4.2 |
| Izard | 4,625 | 4,355 | 270 | 5.8 | 4,795 | 4,541 | 254 | 5.3 | 4,373 | 4,107 | 266 | 6.1 |
| Jackson | 5,387 | 5,114 | 273 | 5.1 | 5,580 | 5,325 | 255 | 4.6 | 5,479 | 5,157 | 322 | 5.9 |
| Jefferson | 26,007 | 24,512 | 1,495 | 5.7 | 25,908 | 24,576 | 1,332 | 5.1 | 25,645 | 24,273 | 1,372 | 5.3 |
| Johnson | 9,477 | 8,858 | 619 | 6.5 | 9,909 | 9,354 | 555 | 5.6 | 9,637 | 9,154 | 483 | 5.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,086 | 1,959 | 127 | 6.1 | 2,210 | 2,087 | 123 | 5.6 | 2,106 | 1,981 | 125 | 5.9 |
| Lawrence | 6,560 | 6,281 | 279 | 4.3 | 6,821 | 6,544 | 277 | 4.1 | 6,546 | 6,291 | 255 | 3.9 |
| Lee | 2,488 | 2,346 | 142 | 5.7 | 2,563 | 2,426 | 137 | 5.3 | 2,564 | 2,415 | 149 | 5.8 |
| Lincoln | 3,760 | 3,546 | 214 | 5.7 | 3,789 | 3,589 | 200 | 5.3 | 3,708 | 3,540 | 168 | 4.5 |
| Little River | 5,341 | 5,127 | 214 | 4.0 | 5,308 | 5,088 | 220 | 4.1 | 5,286 | 5,089 | 197 | 3.7 |
| Logan | 8,273 | 7,890 | 383 | 4.6 | 8,544 | 8,177 | 367 | 4.3 | 8,237 | 7,826 | 411 | 5.0 |
| Lonoke | 36,823 | 35,622 | 1,201 | 3.3 | 36,521 | 35,381 | 1,140 | 3.1 | 35,660 | 34,599 | 1,061 | 3.0 |
| Madison | 8,314 | 8,058 | 256 | 3.1 | 8,315 | 8,058 | 257 | 3.1 | 8,061 | 7,839 | 222 | 2.8 |
| Marion | 6,024 | 5,737 | 287 | 4.8 | 6,218 | 5,924 | 294 | 4.7 | 6,083 | 5,787 | 296 | 4.9 |
| Miller | 19,265 | 18,436 | 829 | 4.3 | 19,107 | 18,308 | 799 | 4.2 | 19,156 | 18,344 | 812 | 4.2 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **July 2024** | |  |  | **June 2024** | |  |  | **July 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,996 | 16,874 | 1,122 | 6.2 | 17,991 | 17,012 | 979 | 5.4 | 16,999 | 15,923 | 1,076 | 6.3 |
| Monroe | 2,462 | 2,315 | 147 | 6.0 | 2,519 | 2,390 | 129 | 5.1 | 2,537 | 2,436 | 101 | 4.0 |
| Montgomery | 2,923 | 2,761 | 162 | 5.5 | 3,155 | 2,993 | 162 | 5.1 | 2,967 | 2,807 | 160 | 5.4 |
| Nevada | 3,200 | 3,044 | 156 | 4.9 | 3,319 | 3,169 | 150 | 4.5 | 3,315 | 3,160 | 155 | 4.7 |
| Newton | 3,143 | 3,009 | 134 | 4.3 | 3,246 | 3,118 | 128 | 3.9 | 3,201 | 3,071 | 130 | 4.1 |
| Ouachita | 9,582 | 9,129 | 453 | 4.7 | 9,827 | 9,407 | 420 | 4.3 | 9,512 | 9,113 | 399 | 4.2 |
| Perry | 4,533 | 4,344 | 189 | 4.2 | 4,499 | 4,319 | 180 | 4.0 | 4,399 | 4,231 | 168 | 3.8 |
| Phillips | 5,018 | 4,666 | 352 | 7.0 | 5,329 | 5,010 | 319 | 6.0 | 5,093 | 4,718 | 375 | 7.4 |
| Pike | 3,962 | 3,779 | 183 | 4.6 | 4,242 | 4,061 | 181 | 4.3 | 3,937 | 3,775 | 162 | 4.1 |
| Poinsett | 10,419 | 9,972 | 447 | 4.3 | 10,355 | 9,938 | 417 | 4.0 | 10,123 | 9,753 | 370 | 3.7 |
| Polk | 7,533 | 7,154 | 379 | 5.0 | 7,872 | 7,516 | 356 | 4.5 | 7,621 | 7,304 | 317 | 4.2 |
| Pope | 28,357 | 26,943 | 1,414 | 5.0 | 28,921 | 27,663 | 1,258 | 4.3 | 28,268 | 26,861 | 1,407 | 5.0 |
| Prairie | 3,465 | 3,343 | 122 | 3.5 | 3,617 | 3,495 | 122 | 3.4 | 3,538 | 3,416 | 122 | 3.4 |
| Pulaski | 204,359 | 196,525 | 7,834 | 3.8 | 201,902 | 194,466 | 7,436 | 3.7 | 197,269 | 190,410 | 6,859 | 3.5 |
| Randolph | 7,220 | 6,887 | 333 | 4.6 | 7,397 | 7,076 | 321 | 4.3 | 7,040 | 6,755 | 285 | 4.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,579 | 7,082 | 497 | 6.6 | 7,687 | 7,222 | 465 | 6.0 | 7,637 | 7,200 | 437 | 5.7 |
| Saline | 64,745 | 62,665 | 2,080 | 3.2 | 64,026 | 62,014 | 2,012 | 3.1 | 62,611 | 60,733 | 1,878 | 3.0 |
| Scott | 4,379 | 4,217 | 162 | 3.7 | 4,547 | 4,385 | 162 | 3.6 | 4,423 | 4,269 | 154 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 2,760 | 2,618 | 142 | 5.1 | 2,979 | 2,839 | 140 | 4.7 | 2,876 | 2,734 | 142 | 4.9 |
| Sebastian | 57,930 | 55,747 | 2,183 | 3.8 | 57,835 | 55,732 | 2,103 | 3.6 | 56,711 | 54,433 | 2,278 | 4.0 |
| Sevier | 5,521 | 5,264 | 257 | 4.7 | 5,630 | 5,392 | 238 | 4.2 | 5,462 | 5,231 | 231 | 4.2 |
| Sharp | 5,965 | 5,682 | 283 | 4.7 | 6,168 | 5,886 | 282 | 4.6 | 5,916 | 5,669 | 247 | 4.2 |
| Stone | 4,613 | 4,396 | 217 | 4.7 | 4,757 | 4,549 | 208 | 4.4 | 4,765 | 4,560 | 205 | 4.3 |
| Union | 14,788 | 13,866 | 922 | 6.2 | 15,164 | 14,319 | 845 | 5.6 | 14,718 | 13,938 | 780 | 5.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,986 | 5,699 | 287 | 4.8 | 6,194 | 5,919 | 275 | 4.4 | 5,994 | 5,747 | 247 | 4.1 |
| Washington | 144,406 | 140,345 | 4,061 | 2.8 | 142,642 | 138,828 | 3,814 | 2.7 | 138,943 | 135,377 | 3,566 | 2.6 |
| White | 34,500 | 33,023 | 1,477 | 4.3 | 35,183 | 33,788 | 1,395 | 4.0 | 33,416 | 32,100 | 1,316 | 3.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,807 | 2,694 | 113 | 4.0 | 2,971 | 2,860 | 111 | 3.7 | 2,722 | 2,616 | 106 | 3.9 |
| Yell | 8,086 | 7,687 | 399 | 4.9 | 8,308 | 7,944 | 364 | 4.4 | 8,059 | 7,694 | 365 | 4.5 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

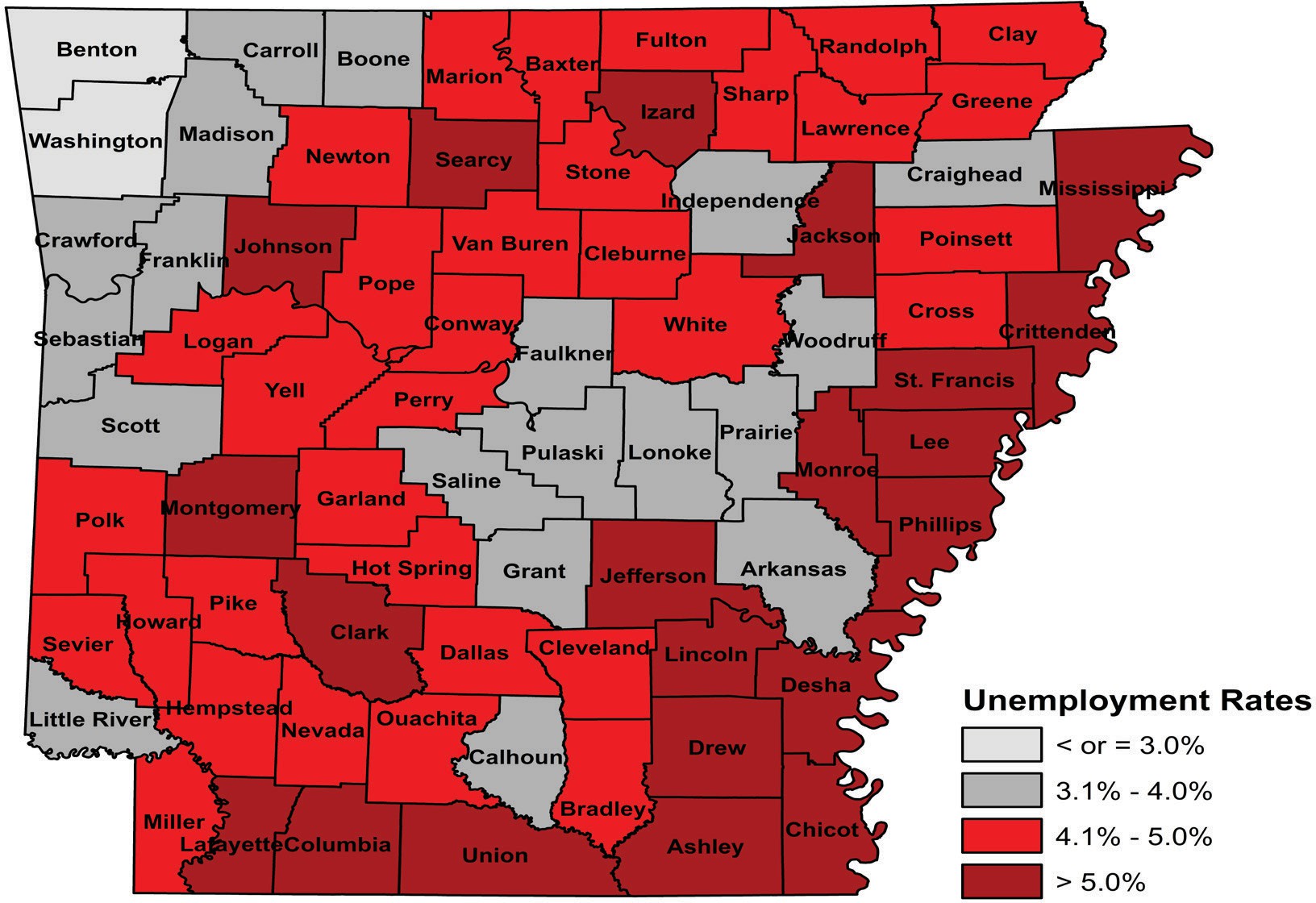
Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 71 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Jobless rates declined in two counties (Calhoun and Little River) and remained stable in two counties (Grant and Madison). Rates ranged from a low of 2.8% in Washington County to a high of 7.0% in Phillips County.

In July, two counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. For the first time in

six months, one county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to July 2023, jobless rates are up in 59 Arkansas counties. Rates are down in 13 coun- ties while three counties were the same as last July. Monroe County posted the largest annual rate increase, up from 4.0% in July 2023 to 6.0% in July 2024. The largest rate decline was in Jack- son County, down eight-tenths of a percentage point. Clark, Fulton, and Pope counties were all three unchanged over-the-year.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1. Washington 2.8
2. Benton 2.9
3. Madison 3.1
4. Saline 3.2
5. Faulkner 3.3

5 Grant 3.3

5 Lonoke 3.3

8 Arkansas 3.4

8 Craighead 3.4

10 Prairie 3.5

11 Calhoun 3.6

11 Carroll 3.6

13 Independence 3.7

13 Scott 3.7

15 Crawford 3.8

15 Pulaski 3.8

15 Sebastian 3.8

18 Franklin 3.9

19 Boone 4.0

19 Little River 4.0

19 Woodruff 4.0

22 Greene 4.1

23 Garland 4.2

23 Howard 4.2

23 Perry 4.2

**Rank County**

26 Conway

26 Cross

26 Lawrence

26 Miller

26 Newton

26 Poinsett

26 White

33 Baxter

33 Hempstead

33 Hot Spring

36 Cleveland

36 Dallas

38 Clay

38 Fulton

38 Logan

38 Pike

38 Randolph

43 Ouachita

43 Sevier

43 Sharp

43 Stone

47 Cleburne

47 Marion

47 Van Buren

50 Bradley

**Rate**

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

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4.6

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.7

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.9

**Rank County**

50 Nevada

50 Yell

53 Polk

53 Pope

55 Jackson

55 Searcy

57 Drew

58 Columbia

59 Crittenden

59 Montgomery

61 Jefferson

61 Lee

61 Lincoln

1. Izard
2. Clark
3. Monroe
4. Lafayette
5. Mississippi

68 Union

1. Johnson
2. St. Francis
3. Ashley
4. Chicot
5. Desha
6. Phillips

**Rate**

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.0

5.1

5.1

5.2

5.4

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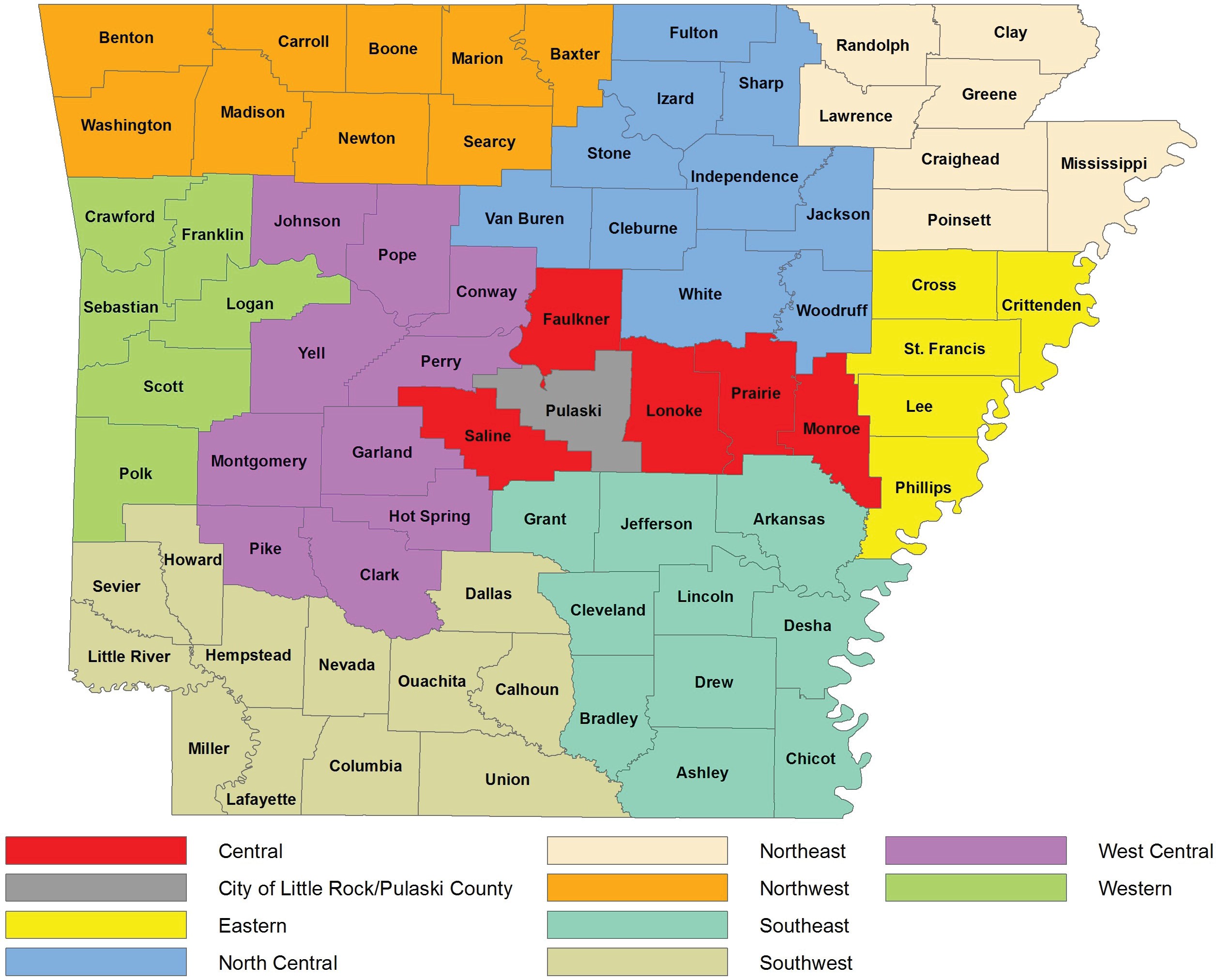
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**July 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**June 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 274,610 265,106

City of Little Rock 105,183 101,080

Eastern 43,056 40,603

North Central 94,243 90,061

Northeast 127,683 122,394

Northwest 373,399 361,981

Southeast 76,358 72,365

Southwest 86,746 82,539

West Central 131,496 125,250

Western 113,154 108,697

9,504

4,103

2,453

4,182

5,289

11,418

3,993

4,207

6,246

4,457

3.5

3.9

5.7

4.4

4.1

3.1

5.2

4.8

4.7

3.9

271,908 262,818

103,904 100,021

43,296

41,088

96,813 92,809

127,686 122,738

371,337 360,363

77,219 73,551

88,561 84,576

132,895 127,037

114,033 109,739

9,090 3.3

3,883 3.7

2,208 5.1

4,004 4.1

4,948 3.9

10,974 3.0

3,668 4.8

3,985 4.5

5,858 4.4

4,294 3.8

265,888 257,407 8,481 3.2

101,522 97,935 3,587 3.5

43,233 40,957 2,276 5.3

93,285 89,282 4,003 4.3

124,488 119,712 4,776 3.8

361,821 351,617 10,204 2.8

76,003 72,338 3,665 4.8

87,102 83,201 3,901 4.5

130,696 124,745 5,951 4.6

111,349 106,833 4,516 4.1