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Arkansas' unemployment rate remains stable at 3.7% in June

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (July 18, 2025) Today, the Arkansas Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.7% between May and June. The United States' jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.2% in May to 4.1% in June.

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary:

- Arkansas' civilian labor force and employment both increased slightly in June to remain at record high levels. The number of unemployed Arkansans actively seeking work increased 419. The State's unemployment rate remained at 3.7% for a fourth consecutive month.
- Compared to June 2024, employment in Arkansas is up 10,049. There are 4,886 more unemployed Arkansans and the unemployment rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point. The growth in the size of the civilian labor force pushed the labor force participation rate up by two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

- Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 3,600 in June, reflecting typical seasonal declines. Jobs in Government decreased 7,200, related to the start of summer break at public schools and universities. Hiring was reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+1,500) and in Manufacturing (+1,300).
- Compared to June 2024, nonfarm payroll jobs in the State are up 24,900. The largest gains occurred in Private Education and Health Services (+12,200), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+5,200), Leisure and Hospitality (+4,400), and Manufacturing (+2,500).

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)

	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	Change from May 2025	Change from June 2024
Civilian Labor Force	1,423,885	1,423,345	1,408,950	540	14,935
Employment	1,371,204	1,371,083	1,361,155	121	10,049
Unemployment	52,681	52,262	47,795	419	4,886
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	0.0%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.2%	0.0%	0.2%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. More information about the data is available at <https://www.bls.gov/cps/definitions.htm>

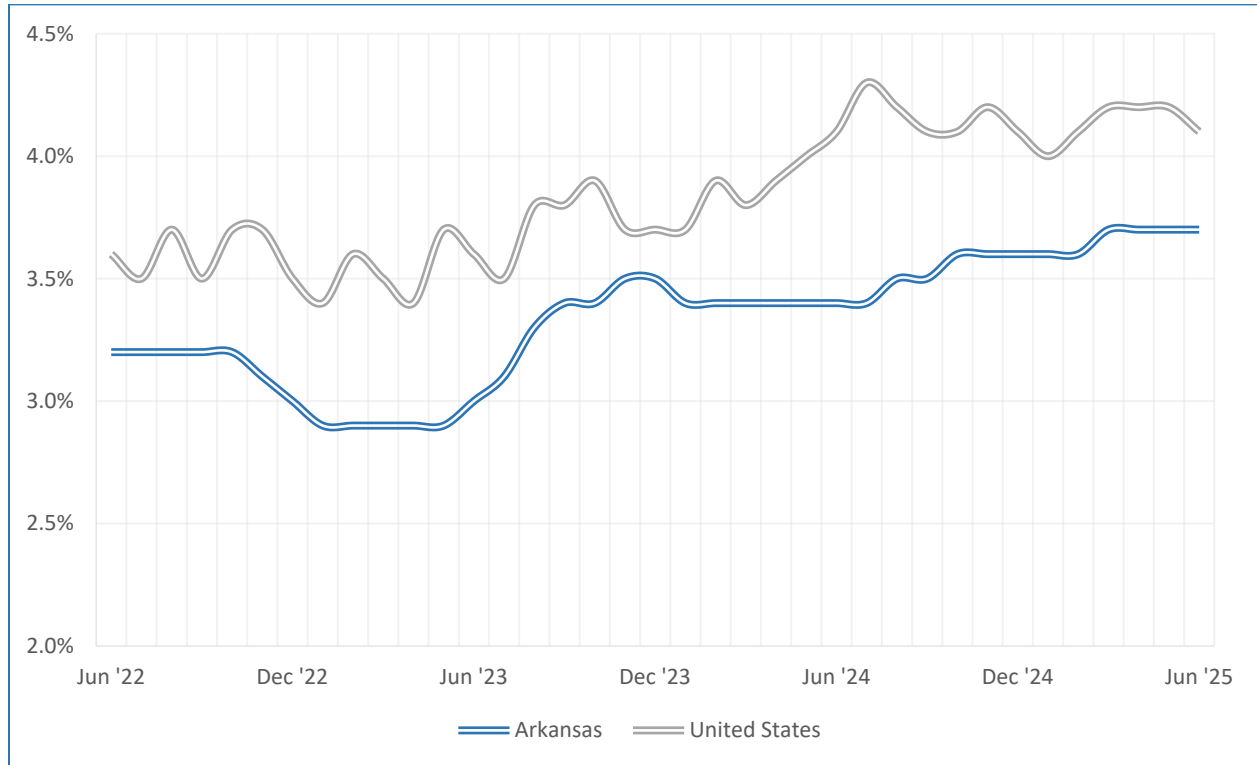
Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted, In Thousands)

Industry Sector based on 2022 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	Change from May 2025	Change from June 2024
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	1384.8	1388.4	1359.9	-3.6	24.9
Goods Producing	236.5	234.6	235.6	1.9	0.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	71.7	71.1	73.3	0.6	-1.6
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.2	5.3	0.0	-0.1
Construction	66.5	65.9	68.0	0.6	-1.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.4	41.3	42.3	0.1	-0.9
Manufacturing	164.8	163.5	162.3	1.3	2.5
Durable Goods	78.9	78.0	77.5	0.9	1.4
Nondurable Goods	85.9	85.5	84.8	0.4	1.1
Service Providing	1148.3	1153.8	1124.3	-5.5	24.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	273.3	272.5	268.1	0.8	5.2
Wholesale Trade	54.0	53.0	53.5	1.0	0.5
Retail Trade	146.6	146.5	142.9	0.1	3.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	72.7	73.0	71.7	-0.3	1.0
Information	11.9	11.8	12.2	0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	70.2	70.5	69.5	-0.3	0.7
Finance & Insurance	55.1	55.3	54.1	-0.2	1.0
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	15.1	15.2	15.4	-0.1	-0.3
Professional & Business Services	160.3	161.0	158.2	-0.7	2.1
Professional, Scientific, & Technical	53.2	52.9	51.0	0.3	2.2
Management of Companies	41.4	41.2	39.8	0.2	1.6
Administrative & Support Services	65.7	66.9	67.4	-1.2	-1.7
Private Education & Health Services	221.3	221.5	209.1	-0.2	12.2
Educational Services	18.3	19.5	15.8	-1.2	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	203.0	202.0	193.3	1.0	9.7
Ambulatory Health Care	71.4	70.6	67.1	0.8	4.3
Social Assistance	43.6	43.2	39.9	0.4	3.7
Leisure & Hospitality	136.2	134.7	131.8	1.5	4.4
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	15.6	14.9	15.6	0.7	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	120.6	119.8	116.2	0.8	4.4
Accommodation Services	11.9	11.6	11.8	0.3	0.1
Food Services	108.7	108.2	104.4	0.5	4.3
Other Services	66.0	65.5	66.4	0.5	-0.4
Government	209.1	216.3	209.0	-7.2	0.1
Federal Government	21.2	21.4	21.9	-0.2	-0.7
State Government	72.8	77.7	72.8	-4.9	0.0
State Government, Educational Services	26.8	31.7	26.7	-4.9	0.1
State Government, Excluding Education	46.0	46.0	46.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	115.1	117.2	114.3	-2.1	0.8
Local Government, Educational Services	67.7	71.1	67.2	-3.4	0.5
Local Government, Excluding Education	47.4	46.1	47.1	1.3	0.3

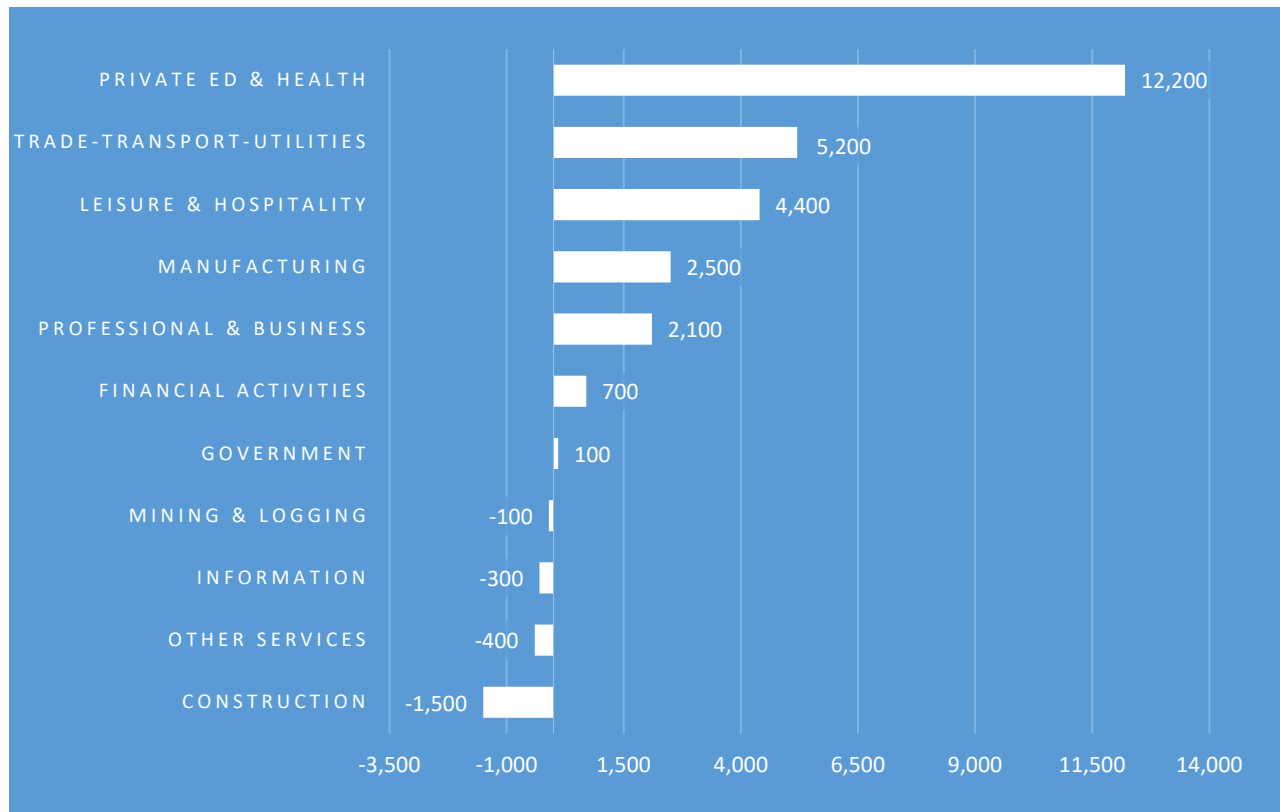
Source: Monthly Survey of Employers, based on 1st Quarter 2024 benchmark.

Notes: Current month's data are preliminary; previous month's data are revised.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Arkansas vs. United States (3-Year Comparison)



Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sectors June 2024 to June 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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