

# News Release



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## Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Increases to 7.4 Percent

### Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary:

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released today by the Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 7.3 percent in June to 7.4 percent in July. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 4,800, a result of 4,800 fewer employed Arkansans. Also at 7.4 percent, the United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point.

DWS Program Operations Manager Bernadette Coleman said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate reached 7.4 percent this month, the same rate as in July 2012. There are currently 1,700 fewer unemployed, compared to this month last year."

ARKANSAS CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	July 2013	June 2013	July 2012	Change From June 2013	Change From July 2012
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	<b>1,327,700</b>	<b>1,332,500</b>	<b>1,352,100</b>	<b>-4,800</b>	<b>-24,400</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>1,229,900</b>	<b>1,234,700</b>	<b>1,252,600</b>	<b>-4,800</b>	<b>-22,700</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>97,800</b>	<b>97,800</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,700</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.8</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Notes: Unemployment rates were computed from unrounded data.

Data for Metropolitan Statistical Areas and minorities and youth will be available online August 28, 2013.

### Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 13,900 in July to total 1,174,500. Six major industry sectors posted declines, more than offsetting gains in four sectors. One industry sector remained the same. **Government** employment fell 13,900. Losses occurred in state (-1,600) and local (-12,300) government, representing the seasonal closure of public schools and universities. Jobs in **other services** decreased 1,400. Employment declines were reported mostly in membership associations and organizations. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 2,000. A majority of the gain was reported in professional, scientific, and technical services (+1,200), largely in architectural and engineering services. **Educational and health services** added 1,300 jobs. Increases in health care and social assistance (+2,500) more than offset the seasonal losses in educational services (-1,200).

Since July 2012, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 14,900. Five major industry sectors added jobs, while six sectors posted declines. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** enjoyed the largest increase (+10,700). A majority of the growth occurred in retail trade (+7,300). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 7,000. Gains were reported in health care and social assistance (+4,400) and in educational services (+2,600). **Professional and business services** added 2,100 jobs. Professional, scientific, and technical services reported a majority of the increase (+1,700). Employment in **other services** decreased 1,800. A majority of the loss was reported in membership associations and organizations. Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 1,600. Growth in durable goods manufacturing (+800) partially offset the losses in nondurable goods manufacturing (-2,400).

**ARKANSAS NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS**  
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Industry Group 2012	July	June	July	Change From	Change From
	2013	2013	2012	June 2013	July 2012
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	1,174,500	1,188,400	1,159,600	-13,900	14,900
Goods Producing	212,300	213,300	215,100	-1,000	-2,800
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-300</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>47,600</b>	<b>47,900</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-900</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	29,900	30,700	29,700	-800	200
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>154,900</b>	<b>155,400</b>	<b>156,500</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-1,600</b>
Durable Goods	78,600	79,000	77,800	-400	800
Nondurable Goods	76,300	76,400	78,700	-100	-2,400
Service Providing	962,200	975,100	944,500	-12,900	17,700
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>252,200</b>	<b>252,700</b>	<b>241,500</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>10,700</b>
Wholesale Trade	46,700	47,200	47,600	-500	-900
Retail Trade	140,000	140,400	132,700	-400	7,300
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	65,500	65,100	61,200	400	4,300
<b>Information</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>49,300</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>49,100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>
Finance & Insurance	35,900	35,700	35,800	200	100
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,400	13,300	13,300	100	100
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>125,800</b>	<b>123,800</b>	<b>123,700</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,100</b>
Professional, Scientific, & Technical	39,700	38,500	38,000	1,200	1,700
Management of Companies	32,000	31,900	31,100	100	900
Administrative & Support Services	54,100	53,400	54,600	700	-500
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>174,300</b>	<b>173,000</b>	<b>167,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>7,000</b>
Educational Services	13,300	14,500	10,700	-1,200	2,600
Health Care & Social Assistance	161,000	158,500	156,600	2,500	4,400
Ambulatory Health Care	50,100	49,000	47,700	1,100	2,400
Social Assistance	36,800	36,400	34,900	400	1,900
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>105,700</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-300</b>
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10,800	11,000	11,300	-200	-500
Accommodation & Food Services	94,200	94,700	94,000	-500	200
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Food Services	82,700	83,000	82,000	-300	700
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>43,200</b>	<b>43,600</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-1,800</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>199,200</b>	<b>213,100</b>	<b>199,600</b>	<b>-13,900</b>	<b>-400</b>
Federal Government	20,000	20,000	20,600	0	-600
State Government	71,500	73,100	70,700	-1,600	800
Local Government	107,700	120,000	108,300	-12,300	-600

Source: Monthly Survey of Employers.

Notes: Estimates are based on the first quarter 2012 benchmark.

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