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Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Falls to 6.2 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 fell two-tenths of a percentage point, from 6.4 percent in May to 6.2 percent in June. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 9,300, a result of 6,700 fewer employed and 2,600 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 6.1 percent in June.

DWS Communications Director Becky Heflin said, "The decrease in Arkansas' unemployment rate this month mirrors the trend seen at the national level. This month's rate of 6.2 percent is the state's lowest unemployment rate since November 2008, when the rate was 6.1 percent."

ARKANSAS CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (Seasonally Adjusted)

	June 2014	May 2014	June 2013	Change From May 2014	Change From June 2013
Civilian Labor Force	1,306,000	1,315,300	1,325,400	-9,300	-19,400
Employment	1,224,400	1,231,100	1,224,600	-6,700	-200
Unemployment	81,600	84,200	100,800	-2,600	-19,200
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.4	7.6	-0.2	-1.4
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.3	7.5	-0.2	-1.4

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 July 30, 2014.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 5,600 in June to total 1,193,200. Four major industry sectors posted job losses, more than offsetting gains in six sectors. Jobs in **government** fell 5,900. The declines, which occurred in state (-4,300) and local (-1,700) government, were attributed to the summer break at public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** experienced a loss of 2,600 jobs. A little over sixty-five percent of the decline occurred in healthcare and social assistance (-1,700). Employment in **Manufacturing** rose 1,900. The majority of the increase was in durable goods (+1,200) as manufacturing plants added employees.

Since June 2013, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment rose 17,800. Nine major industry sectors experienced growth, more than offsetting losses in two sectors. **Educational and health services** added 3,500 jobs. Most of the gains were reported in health care and social assistance (+2,200). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased 3,500. The majority of the growth occurred in food services (+2,900). **Manufacturing** added 3,400 jobs, mostly in durable goods (+2,400). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased by 3,000 jobs. Growth was reported in both retail (+2,000) and wholesale (+1,400) trade.

ARKANSAS NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Industry Group 2012	June 2014	May 2014	June 2013	Change From May 2014	Change From June 2013
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	1,193,200	1,198,800	1,175,400	-5,600	17,800
Goods Producing	214,700	211,600	208,500	3,100	6,200
Mining & Logging	9,900	9,700	9,700	200	200
Construction	48,800	47,800	46,200	1,000	2,600
Specialty Trade Contractors	30,200	29,600	29,000	600	1,200
Manufacturing	156,000	154,100	152,600	1,900	3,400
Durable Goods	78,100	76,900	75,700	1,200	2,400
Nondurable Goods	77,900	77,200	76,900	700	1,000
Service Providing	978,500	987,200	966,900	-8,700	11,600
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	243,400	244,400	240,400	-1,000	3,000
Wholesale Trade	48,700	48,500	47,300	200	1,400
Retail Trade	133,800	134,600	131,800	-800	2,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	60,900	61,300	61,300	-400	-400
Information	13,900	13,800	14,300	100	-400
Financial Activities	50,300	49,500	49,500	800	800
Finance & Insurance	36,800	36,300	36,200	500	600
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,500	13,200	13,300	300	200
Professional & Business Services	128,500	129,700	127,200	-1,200	1,300
Professional, Scientific, & Technical	38,900	39,600	39,500	-700	-600
Management of Companies	31,600	31,600	31,500	0	100
Administrative & Support Services	58,000	58,500	56,200	-500	1,800
Educational & Health Services	172,800	175,400	169,300	-2,600	3,500
Educational Services	13,400	14,300	12,100	-900	1,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	159,400	161,100	157,200	-1,700	2,200
Ambulatory Health Care	48,600	48,900	48,400	-300	200
Social Assistance	37,600	39,200	35,400	-1,600	2,200
Leisure & Hospitality	112,700	111,600	109,200	1,100	3,500
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	12,000	11,000	11,600	1,000	400
Accommodation & Food Services	100,700	100,600	97,600	100	3,100
Accommodation Services	12,300	11,500	12,100	800	200
Food Services	88,400	89,100	85,500	-700	2,900
Other Services	44,000	44,000	43,800	0	200
Government	212,900	218,800	213,200	-5,900	-300
Federal Government	20,000	19,900	20,500	100	-500
State Government	73,900	78,200	73,300	-4,300	600
Local Government	119,000	120,700	119,400	-1,700	-400

Source: Monthly Survey of Employers.

Notes: Estimates are based on the first quarter 2013 benchmark.

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