

# News Release



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## Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Rises to 7.3 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 increased one-tenth of a percentage point from 7.2 percent in April (revised upward from 7.1 percent) to 7.3 percent in May. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 2,400, a result of 1,800 more unemployed and 600 more employed Arkansans. At 7.6 percent, the United States' jobless rate also increased one-tenth of a percentage point in May.

DWS Communications Director Kimberly Friedman said, "The unemployment rate in Arkansas rose one-tenth of a percentage point in May, mirroring the trend seen at the national level. Although the unemployment rate increased, employment rose 600 this month, marking the second month of employment gains."

#### ARKANSAS CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 2013	April 2013	May 2012	Change From April 2013	Change From May 2012
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	<b>1,333,300</b>	<b>1,330,900</b>	<b>1,358,500</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>-25,200</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>1,236,300</b>	<b>1,235,700</b>	<b>1,259,500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-23,200</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>95,200</b>	<b>99,000</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-2,000</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.6</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 July 2, 2013.

### Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs declined 2,000 in May to total 1,190,600. Employment decreased in six major industry sectors, offsetting gains in five sectors. **Professional and business services** posted the largest decrease (-2,000). A majority of the loss occurred in professional-scientific-technical services (-1,400), attributed to seasonal declines in accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services. Jobs in **educational and health services** declined 1,700. Most of the loss occurred in health care and social assistance (-1,200). Employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** rose 1,900. Most of the gain occurred in retail trade (+1,200), a typical seasonal expansion. **Construction** also experienced a seasonal increase (+1,400).

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Since May 2012, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 3,100. Two major industry sectors posted growth, more than offsetting declines in nine sectors. Employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** increased 12,400. Gains were reported in both retail trade (+9,700) and transportation, warehousing and utilities (+3,000). **Educational and health services** added 1,600 jobs, largely in ambulatory health care (+900). Jobs in **other services** declined 2,300. The sector includes activities such as repair and maintenance, personal and laundry services, and membership organizations. **Construction** decreased 2,000, related to project completions.

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

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Industry Group 2012	May 2013	April 2013	May 2012	Change From April 2013	Change From May 2012
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	1,190,600	1,192,600	1,187,500	-2,000	3,100
Goods Producing	212,100	210,000	216,300	2,100	-4,200
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-900</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>46,700</b>	<b>45,300</b>	<b>48,700</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-2,000</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	29,700	29,600	29,300	100	400
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>155,200</b>	<b>154,700</b>	<b>156,500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-1,300</b>
Durable Goods	78,300	77,400	77,500	900	800
Nondurable Goods	76,900	77,300	79,000	-400	-2,100
Service Providing	978,500	982,600	971,200	-4,100	7,300
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>253,600</b>	<b>251,700</b>	<b>241,200</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>12,400</b>
Wholesale Trade	47,800	47,800	48,100	0	-300
Retail Trade	141,700	140,500	132,000	1,200	9,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	64,100	63,400	61,100	700	3,000
<b>Information</b>	<b>14,200</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-400</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>49,100</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>49,300</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-200</b>
Finance & Insurance	35,800	36,300	35,900	-500	-100
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,300	13,300	13,400	0	-100
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>123,300</b>	<b>125,300</b>	<b>124,700</b>	<b>-2,000</b>	<b>-1,400</b>
Professional, Scientific, & Technical	38,500	39,900	38,600	-1,400	-100
Management of Companies	31,800	31,900	30,700	-100	1,100
Administrative & Support Services	53,000	53,500	55,400	-500	-2,400
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>173,900</b>	<b>175,600</b>	<b>172,300</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>1,600</b>
Educational Services	15,400	15,900	14,900	-500	500
Health Care & Social Assistance	158,500	159,700	157,400	-1,200	1,100
Ambulatory Health Care	48,500	48,800	47,600	-300	900
Social Assistance	36,100	36,800	36,200	-700	-100
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>104,300</b>	<b>105,200</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-1,400</b>
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10,100	10,200	10,700	-100	-600
Accommodation & Food Services	93,700	94,100	94,500	-400	-800
Accommodation Services	11,100	11,100	11,100	0	0
Food Services	82,600	83,000	83,400	-400	-800
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>41,500</b>	<b>42,100</b>	<b>43,800</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-2,300</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>219,100</b>	<b>219,900</b>	<b>220,100</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-1,000</b>
Federal Government	19,900	19,900	20,500	0	-600
State Government	77,400	79,100	76,700	-1,700	700
Local Government	121,800	120,900	122,900	900	-1,100

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.