



IN THE MID SOUTH

Louisiana and Tennessee labor markets added jobs in August while Arkansas lost jobs and Mississippi held steady. Unemployment rates were mostly unchanged in all Mid South states.

AUGUST 2017 JOB WATCH

SECTOR GROWTH

While Arkansas saw job losses in every sector except Education and Health (+0 jobs), Louisiana saw the most growth in Leisure and Hospitality (+2,400 jobs), Mississippi saw the most growth in Education and Health (+1,500 jobs), and Tennessee saw the most growth in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector (+4,300 jobs).



CHALLENGES

Mississippi has not recovered all jobs lost since the onset of the Recession. Currently, no Mid South state is creating enough jobs to keep pace with population growth.



NATIONAL OUTLOOK

The national labor market added 156,000 jobs in August and the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.4 percent. Job gains occurred in the Construction, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Mining, and Professional and Technical Services sectors.

