Arkansas saw the most job growth in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+3,100 jobs), Louisiana saw the most growth in Construction (+1,700 jobs), Mississippi saw the most growth in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+2,000 jobs), and Tennessee saw the most growth in the Leisure and Hospitality sector (+3,500 jobs).

Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee added jobs in July while Louisiana lost jobs last month. Unemployment rates were mostly unchanged in all Mid South states.

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.

Jobs increased by 209,000 in July and the unemployment rate stayed mostly unchanged at 4.3 percent. National employment increased in the health care, social assistance, financial activities and mining sectors.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor