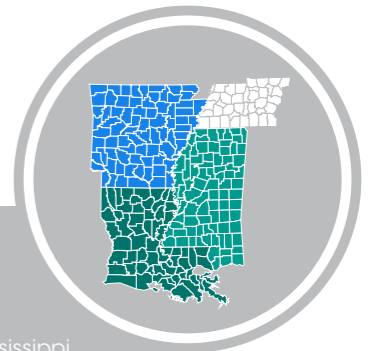


JUNE 2017

JOB WATCH



IN THE MID SOUTH

While Arkansas gained jobs in June, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee lost jobs. Unemployment held steady or dropped in all Mid South states.



SECTOR GROWTH

Arkansas saw the most jobs growth in Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector (+2,900 jobs), Louisiana saw the most growth in Construction (+4,000 jobs), Mississippi saw the most growth in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+2,200 jobs), and Tennessee saw the most growth in the Leisure and Hospitality sector (+3,300 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

Jobs increased by 222,000 in June and the unemployment rate stayed mostly unchanged at 4.4 percent. National employment increased in the health care, social assistance, financial activities and mining sectors.

Hope



Source: U.S. Department of Labor