

## Construction

**Construction** is projected to be the fastest growing supersector among Goods-Producing Industries, growing by a rate of 4.46 percent, or 2,055 new jobs, between 2015 and 2017.

*Construction of Buildings* is projected to add 519 jobs to the Arkansas labor market. Nonresidential Building

Construction leads Residential Building Construction in net growth, but Residential Building Construction is growing faster.

The *Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction* subsector lost an average of 251 jobs between 2013 and 2015 and is projected to lose 216 jobs, or 2.9 percent of its workforce between 2015 and 2017. Utility System Construction is included in the Top 20 Declining Industries list with an anticipated loss of 141 jobs, while Land Subdivision is included in the Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries list with a potential loss of 10.24 percent of its workforce.

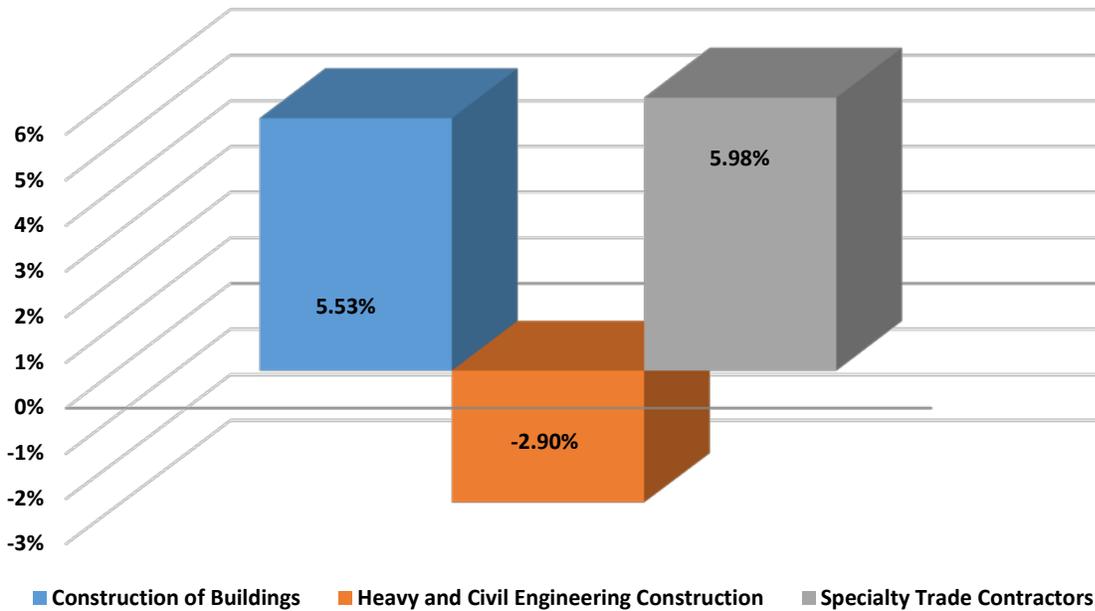
The brightest outlook in **Construction** is expected to come from the *Specialty Trade Contractors* subsector, which is estimated to increase by 1,752 jobs, or a 5.98 percent growth. Building Equipment Contractors leads all **Construction** industries in net growth with 1,028 new jobs, placing it among the ten top growing industries in the state. Building Finishing Contractors is included in the Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list with a possible gain of 10.25 percent.

### SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2015-2017

2-Year Historical (2013-2015) Growth Rate: 3.63%

2-Year Projected (2015-2017) Growth Rate: 4.46%

**Percent Growth by Subsector  
Construction**



**Workforce Development Area Outlook  
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<b>Workforce Development Area</b>	<b>2015 Estimated Employment</b>	<b>2017 Projected Employment</b>	<b>Net Growth</b>	<b>Percent Growth</b>
Central Arkansas	9,079	9,420	341	3.76%
City of Little Rock	4,498	4,651	153	3.40%
North Central Arkansas	2,370	2,456	86	3.63%
Northeast Arkansas	3,177	3,371	194	6.11%
Northwest Arkansas	9,246	9,850	604	6.53%
Southeast Arkansas	2,104	2,133	29	1.38%
Southwest Arkansas	3,525	3,725	200	5.67%
West Central Arkansas	4,663	4,846	183	3.92%
Western Arkansas	3,769	3,997	228	6.05%
Eastern Arkansas	724	751	27	3.73%