

Education and Health Services

Education and Health Services is projected to grow by 5,955 jobs, or 2.09 percent between 2015 and 2017.

Educational Services is estimated to add 891 jobs, a gain of 0.78 percent.

The majority of the growth is estimated to come in Colleges,

Universities, and Professional Schools,

with an anticipated gain of 725, a gain of 2.77 percent. Elementary and Secondary Schools have declined in recent years due to consolidations and budget cuts, but may stabilize with a growth of 67.

Business Schools and Computer and Management Training is predicted to lose 9.78 percent of its workforce making the state's Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries list.

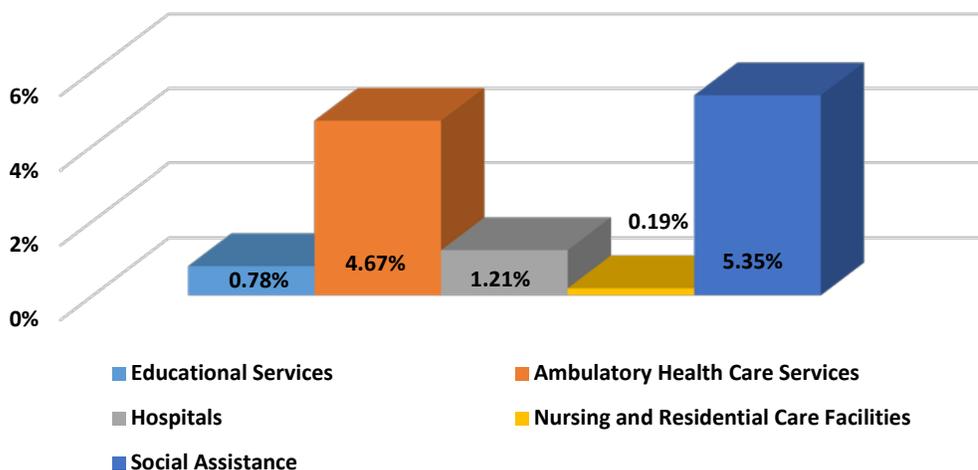
The other side of the **Education and Health Services** supersector is the **HealthCare and Social Assistance** sector, which is forecast to be the top growing industry sector in the state with a gain of 5,064 jobs. **Ambulatory Health Care Services** is set to gain 2,352, an increase of 4.67 percent. Offices of Physicians is predicted to add 964 jobs to its workforce and be among the ten top growing industries in the state. **Hospitals** is projected to add 630 jobs to the workforce. The majority of this gain is likely to occur in General Medical and Surgical Hospitals with an increase of 619 jobs. **Social Assistance** is projected to be the fastest growing among the subsectors in **Education and Health Services** with a gain of 2,023, or 5.35 percent growth. The driving force behind this growth is Individual and Family Services, which is anticipated to gain 1,588 jobs, third best in the state. The toughest outlook could come in the **Nursing and Residential Care Facilities** subsector. The outlook is mixed as Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities is estimated to lose 361 jobs, placing it fourth in the state in decline. That however, could be offset by Continuing Care Retirement Communities and Assisted Living Facilities for the Elderly with a gain of 345. It's 9.78 percent growth places this industry in the Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list for the state.

SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2015-2017

2-Year Historical (2013-2015) Growth Rate: -1.26%

2-Year Projected (2015-2017) Growth Rate: 2.09%

**Percent Growth by Subsector
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Workforce Development Area Outlook
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Workforce Development Area	2015 Estimated Employment	2017 Projected Employment	Net Growth	Percent Growth
Central Arkansas	34,025	35,239	1,214	3.57%
City of Little Rock	47,977	48,411	434	0.90%
North Central Arkansas	20,816	21,222	406	1.95%
Northeast Arkansas	26,387	27,070	683	2.59%
Northwest Arkansas	56,527	58,482	1,955	3.46%
Southeast Arkansas	18,909	19,127	218	1.15%
Southwest Arkansas	17,690	17,744	54	0.31%
West Central Arkansas	27,874	28,166	292	1.05%
Western Arkansas	22,722	23,082	360	1.58%
Eastern Arkansas	10,377	10,585	208	2.00%