

Leisure and Hospitality

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supersector is projected to have 3,729 new jobs between 2015 and 2017. The

Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation sector is predicted to add 269 new jobs to its workforce during the projection period. Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar Events made the

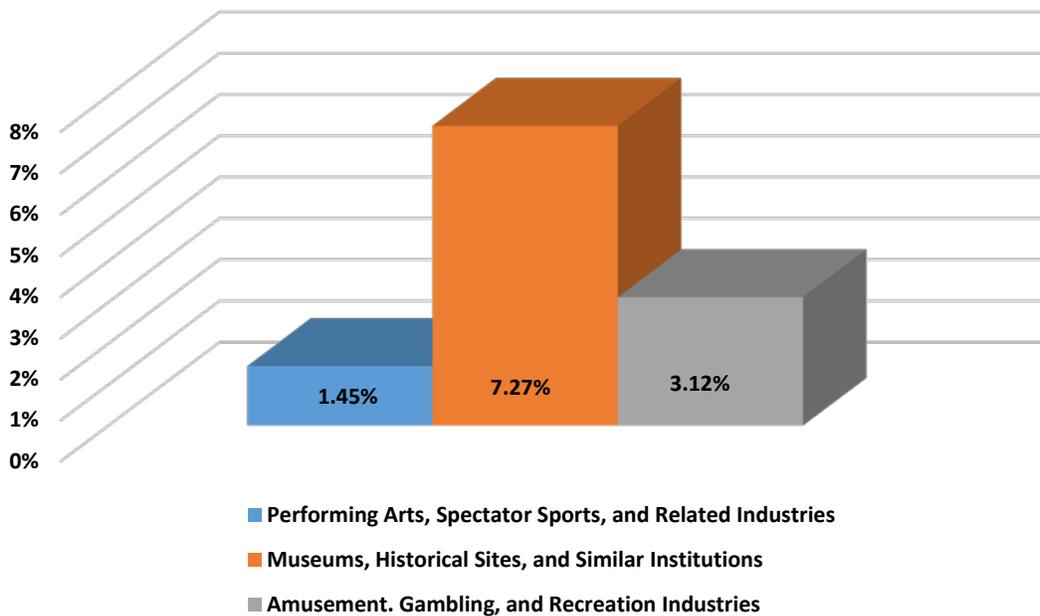
state's Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list with an estimated increase of 11.78 percent, while Performing Arts Companies is among the ten fastest declining industries in the state with an expected loss of 11.67 percent of its workforce. In other subsectors, *Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries* is forecast to add 193 jobs, while *Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions* could add 38, a growth of 7.27 percent.

SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2015-2017

2-Year Historical (2013-2015) Growth Rate: 5.28%

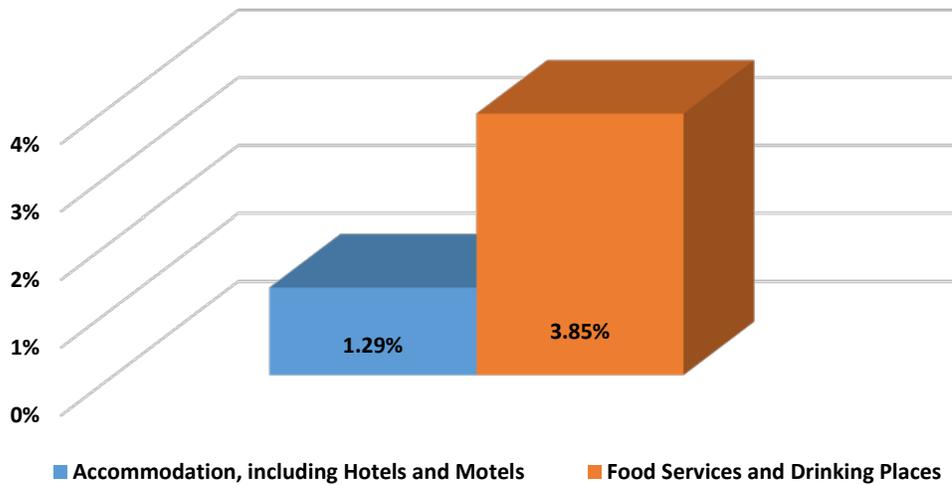
2-Year Projected (2015-2017) Growth Rate: 3.51%

**Percent Growth by Subsector
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation**



The other sector in **Leisure and Hospitality**, *Accommodation and Food Services* is the biggest driver of growth in the supersector with an overall gain of 3,460 jobs expected. *Food Services and Drinking Places* is predicted to add 3,326 jobs over the projection period, a 3.85 percent growth rate. Restaurants and Other Eating Places is expected to be the top growing industry in the state increasing employment by 2,903, or 3.55 percent. Special Food Services is included in the state's Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list adding an additional 13.26 percent to its workforce. *Accommodation, Including Hotels and Motels* is set to increase jobs across the state with an additional 134 between 2015 and 2017.

Percent Growth by Subsector Accommodation and Food Services



Workforce Development Area Outlook Leisure And Hospitality

Workforce Development Area	2015 Estimated Employment	2017 Projected Employment	Net Growth	Percent Growth
Central Arkansas	17,097	17,735	638	3.73%
City of Little Rock	14,415	14,917	502	3.48%
North Central Arkansas	5,972	6,182	210	3.52%
Northeast Arkansas	8,409	8,741	332	3.95%
Northwest Arkansas	25,943	26,949	1,006	3.88%
Southeast Arkansas	4,394	4,531	137	3.12%
Southwest Arkansas	5,352	5,533	181	3.38%
West Central Arkansas	12,367	12,745	378	3.06%
Western Arkansas	8,587	8,819	232	2.70%
Eastern Arkansas	3,527	3,633	106	3.01%