

Manufacturing

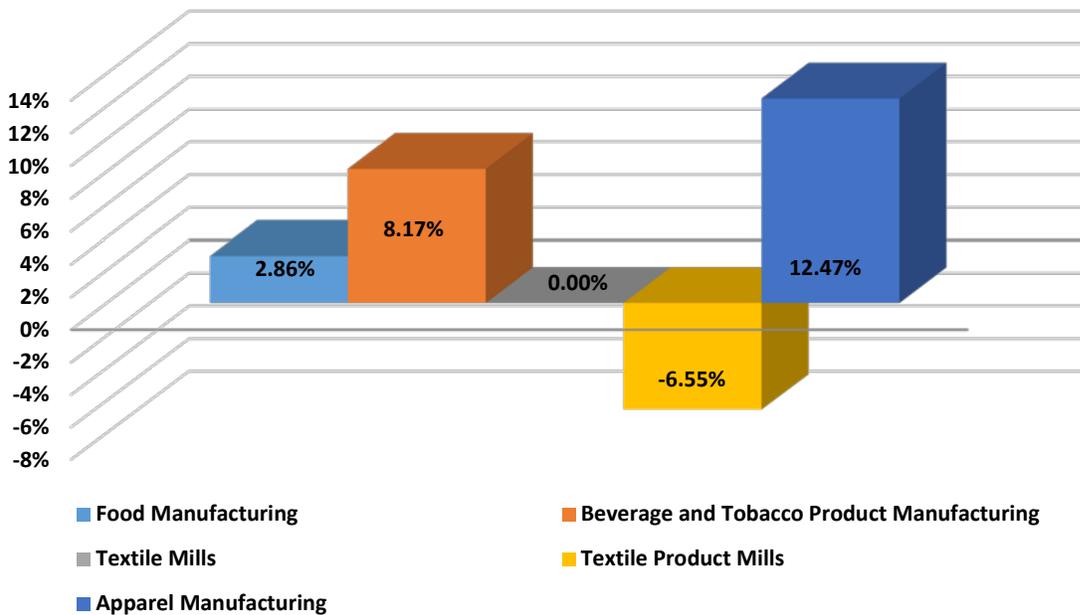
The **Manufacturing** supersector is forecast to experience a net gain of 3,540 jobs during the 2015-2017 projection period, a 2.27 percent rise in employment. **Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing** is set to add 1,818 jobs, an increase of 2.31 percent. The top growing subsector among **Non-**

Durable Goods Manufacturing is Food Manufacturing, which is predicted to add 1,236 jobs to its workforce. Driving this growth is Animal Slaughtering and Processing with a growth of 1,225 placing it among the ten top growing industries. **Apparel Manufacturing** could be the fastest growing subsector in **Manufacturing** with a 12.47 percent gain. Apparel Knitting Mills is set to be among the top five fastest growing industries in the state with a 19.18 percent growth. Also expected to experience fast growth is Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing, which could increase jobs by 18.06 percent, or 54 new jobs between 2015 and 2017. On the negative side of the economy, **Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing** is predicted to lose 84 jobs, or 8.12 percent of its workforce. Other Non-Durable Goods industries that could see a tough outlook are Fruit and Vegetable Preserving and Specialty Food Manufacturing with a loss of 345 jobs and Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills with a loss of 166. Cut and Sew Apparel Manufacturing makes the Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries list with an 8.44 percent anticipated job loss.

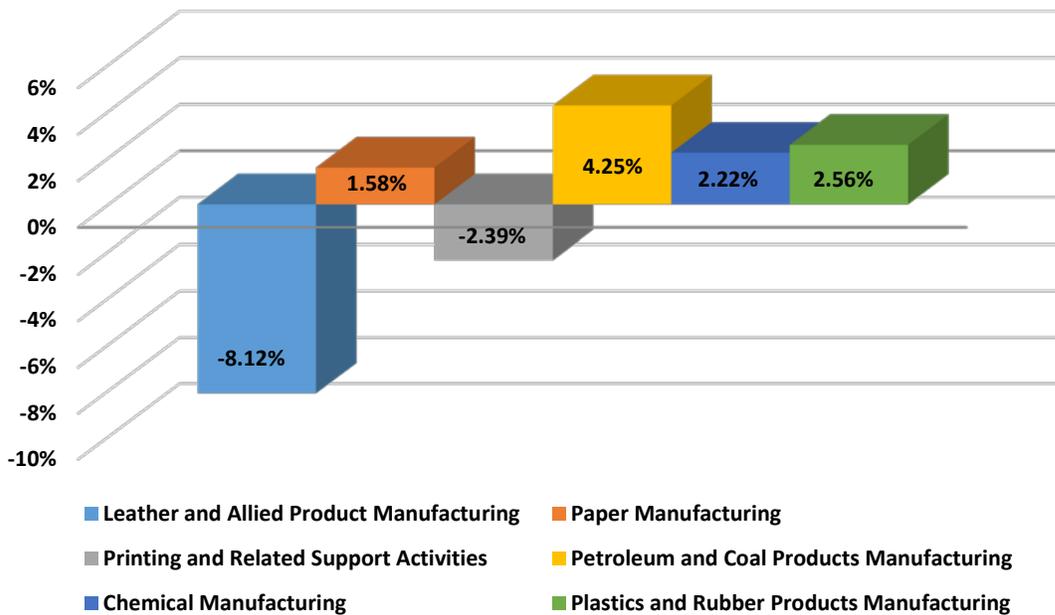
SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2015-2017

2-Year Historical (2013-2015) Growth Rate: 1.18%
2-Year Projected (2015-2017) Growth Rate: 2.27%

**Percent Growth by Subsector
Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 1**



Percent Growth by Subsector Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 2



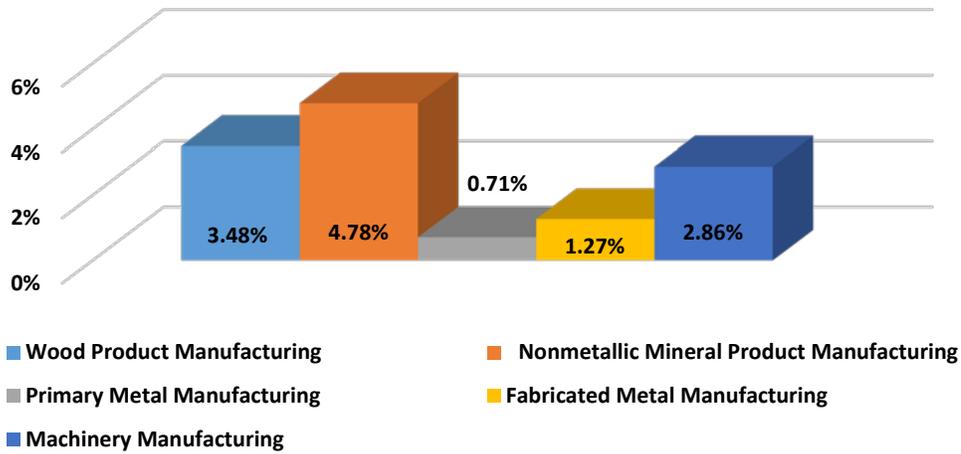
Workforce Development Area Outlook Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing

Workforce Development Area	2015 Estimated Employment	2017 Projected Employment	Net Growth	Percent Growth
City of Little Rock	2,445	2,374	-71	-2.90%
Central Arkansas	3,929	3,913	-16	-0.41%
North Central Arkansas	3,632	3,596	-36	-0.99%
Northwest Arkansas	20,931	21,254	323	1.54%
West Central Arkansas	9,151	9,198	47	0.51%
Western Arkansas	11,611	11,963	352	3.03%
Southwest Arkansas	10,567	10,364	-203	-1.92%
Southeast Arkansas	8,417	8,409	-8	-0.10%
Northeast Arkansas	5,965	7,312	1,347	22.58%
Eastern Arkansas	1,929	2,014	85	4.41%

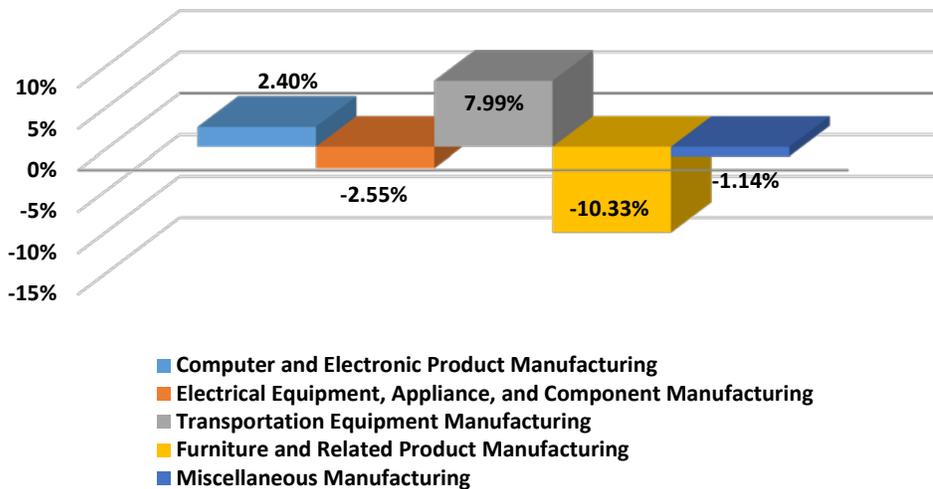
Durable Goods Manufacturing is projected to add 1,722 jobs during the projection period. *Transportation Equipment Manufacturing* is forecast to be the top and fastest growing subsector among Durable Goods industries with a gain of 1,093 jobs, an increase of 7.99 percent. Forging and Stamping, of the *Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing* subsector, is expected to be the second fastest growing industry in the state in percent growth, adding 27.30 percent to its workforce. Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing, is predicted to be fourth in the state in percent growth with a gain of 22.09 percent. On the negative side, *Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing* is slated to be the top

declining subsector in *Durable Goods Manufacturing* with a loss of 345 jobs, or more than 10 percent of its workforce. Five industries make the Top 20 Declining Industries list with Foundries losing the most of the Durable Goods Industries at 348 job losses. Cutlery and Handtool Manufacturing also makes the Top 20 Declining Industries list with 250 jobs being cut. Its 40 percent decline places Cutlery and Handtool Manufacturing at the top of the Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries in the state. In all, six durable goods industries are included on the Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries list.

**Percent Growth by Subsector
Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 1**



**Percent Growth by Subsector
Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 2**



**Workforce Development Area Outlook
Durable Goods Manufacturing**

Workforce Development Area	2015 Estimated Employment	2017 Projected Employment	Net Growth	Percent Growth
City of Little Rock	4,909	5,043	134	2.73%
Central Arkansas	7,897	8,070	173	2.19%
North Central Arkansas	4,415	4,839	424	9.60%
Northwest Arkansas	13,327	12,806	-521	-3.91%
West Central Arkansas	6,972	7,132	160	2.29%
Western Arkansas	9,404	9,341	-63	-0.67%
Southwest Arkansas	8,689	8,859	170	1.96%
Southeast Arkansas	5,987	6,267	280	4.68%
Northeast Arkansas	14,021	14,942	921	6.57%
Eastern Arkansas	1,312	1,360	48	3.66%