

Professional and Business Services

During the 2015-2017 projection period, **Professional and Business Services** is projected to grow by 7,452 jobs, an increase of 5.51 percent,

making it the fastest growing supersector in the state. The

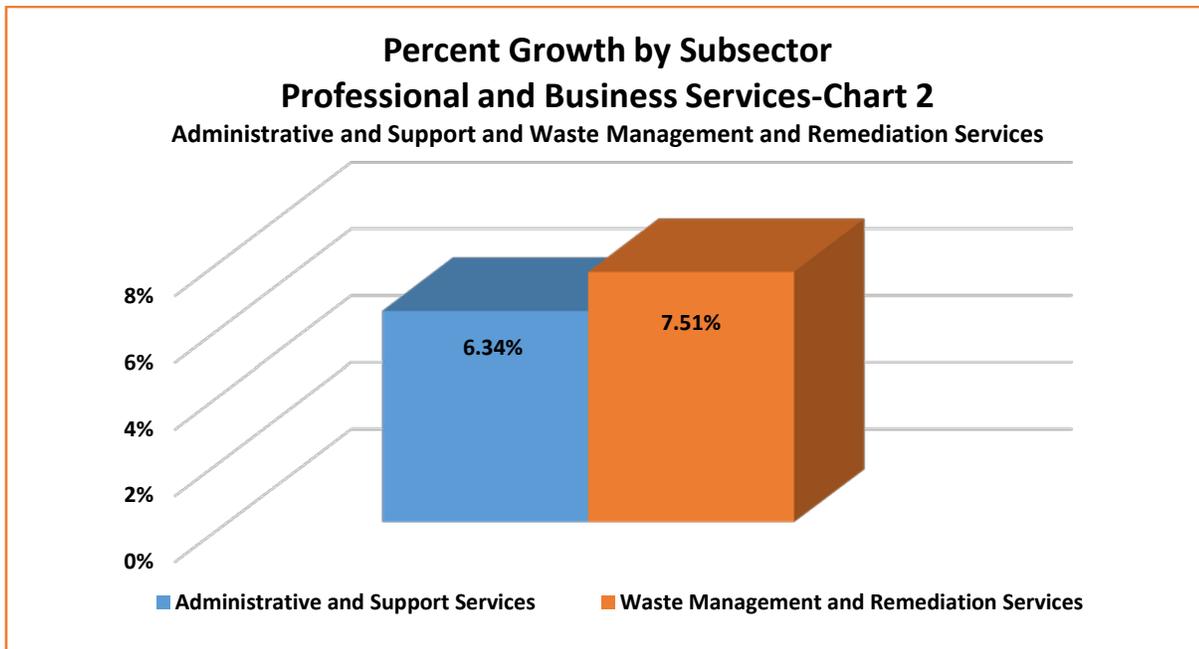
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation

Services sector is predicted to add 3,910 jobs, a gain of 6.39 percent. Within this sector, Employment Services is projected to add 1,371 jobs, while Services to Buildings and Dwellings is anticipated to add 875. Both are listed among the ten top growing industries in the state. Office and Administrative Services is predicted to grow by 14.81 percent placing among the ten fastest growing industries in the state. The *Administrative and Support Services* subsector as a whole, is estimated to gain 3,610 jobs, while the *Waste Management and Remediation Services* subsector is forecast to gain 228.

SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2015-2017

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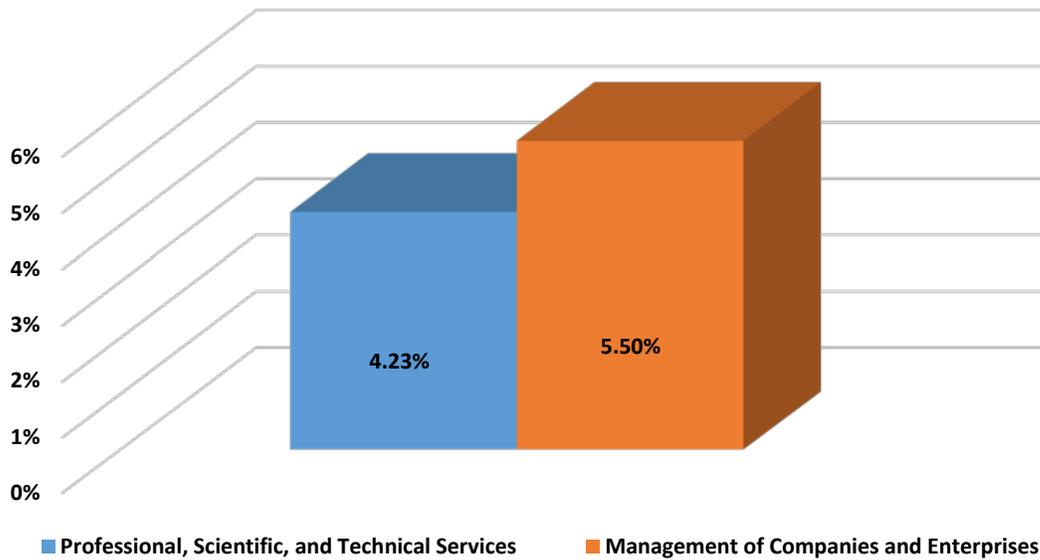
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Management of Companies and Enterprises is predicted to grow by 1,778 jobs, or 5.5 percent. This sector places second in the state in net growth.

The other side of this supersector, **Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services** is anticipated to grow by 1,764 jobs, a 4.23 percent increase. The Computer Systems Design and Related Services industry is projected to place tenth in the state in net growth adding 809 jobs to its workforce. This may be very beneficial as the state increases coding and computer-related classes in the school curriculum. One of the few downsides in **Professional and Business Services** comes in Specialized Design Services, which is predicted to cut 9.2 percent from its workforce placing it in the state's Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries list.

**Percent Growth by Subsector
Professional and Business Services-Chart 1**



**Workforce Development Area Outlook
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Workforce Development Area	2015 Estimated Employment	2017 Projected Employment	Net Growth	Percent Growth
Central Arkansas	17,481	18,180	699	4.00%
City of Little Rock	23,225	24,133	908	3.91%
North Central Arkansas	3,195	3,357	162	5.07%
Northeast Arkansas	6,849	7,497	648	9.46%
Northwest Arkansas	44,091	46,161	2,070	4.69%
Southeast Arkansas	3,024	3,076	52	1.72%
Southwest Arkansas	3,950	4,283	333	8.43%
West Central Arkansas	8,161	8,643	482	5.91%
Western Arkansas	9,849	10,709	860	8.73%
Eastern Arkansas	2,445	2,718	273	11.17%