**Personal Care and Service Occupations** is projected to add 1,899 new jobs to the state economy, an increase of 4.01 percent. Of the 7,878 annual job openings, 3,674 are for those created from employees leaving the workforce, while 3,254 are from people changing jobs. Growth and expansion accounts for 950 annual openings

**2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 4.01%
Biggest Gain: Personal Care Aides (39-9021) – 1,035 jobs
Fastest Gain: Amusement and Recreation Attendants (39-3091) – 6.56%
Biggest and Fastest Loser: Motion Picture Projectionists (39-393021) – 1 job - 1.75%**

**Short-Term Outlook 2018-2020**

**Personal Care and Service Occupations (39-0000)**

 The ***Supervisors of Personal Care and Service Workers*** occupational family is anticipating 77 new jobs, an increase of 3.86 percent. First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers are set to add 75 of those jobs. The occupational family is expecting around 232 annual job openings.

 The ***Animal Care and Service Workers*** is predicted to increase jobs by 156, an increase of 3.17 percent. Nonfarm Animal Caretakers is projected to take the majority of these jobs adding 108 or 3.07 percent to its workforce. Around 766 job openings are anticipated annually for the occupational family.

 The ***Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers*** occupational family is estimated to increase employment by 117, or a gain of 4.89 percent. Amusement and Recreation Attendants is forecast to add 100 new jobs and be the fastest growing occupation with a growth rate of 6.56 percent. The occupational family as a whole is projected to have 601 job openings annually.

 The ***Funeral Service Workers*** occupational family is expected to experience minimal change during the projection period with a gain of 16 jobs. The occupational family group is forecast to have 120 job opportunities annually.

 The ***Personal Appearance Workers*** occupational family is anticipated to add 84 new jobs, or raise employment by 2.79 percent. Leading this gain is likely Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists with an estimated gain of 72 and 342 job openings annually. As a whole, the occupational family is projected to have 394 annual job openings.

 The ***Tour and Travel Guides*** and ***Baggage Porters, Bellhops, and Concierges*** occupational families are slated to experience minimal net growth with a combined 5 new jobs and 57 annual openings.

 The majority of the economic activity in the **Personal Care and Service Occupations** major group is slated to occur in the ***Other Personal Care and Service Workers*** occupational family. Personal Care Aides is forecast to add 1,035 new jobs to its ranks, placing fourth in numeric change statewide, while Childcare Workers could add 247. Overall, the occupational family could account for 5,705 annual job openings, more than 72 percent of the major group’s total.

 **Workforce Development Area Outlook
Personal Care and Service Occupations**

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| **WorkforceDevelopmentArea** | **2018EstimatedEmployment** | **2020ProjectedEmployment** | **NumericChange** | **PercentChange** | **AnnualOpenings-Exits** | **AnnualOpenings-Transfers** | **AnnualOpenings-Change** | **AnnualOpenings-Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 9,216 | 9,765 | 549 | 5.96% | 718 | 643 | 274 | 1,635 |
| North Central Arkansas | 2,810 | 2,949 | 139 | 4.95% | 218 | 190 | 70 | 478 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 3,516 | 3,648 | 132 | 3.75% | 274 | 241 | 66 | 581 |
| Western Arkansas | 3,906 | 4,065 | 159 | 4.07% | 298 | 270 | 80 | 648 |
| West Central Arkansas | 4,429 | 4,615 | 186 | 4.20% | 340 | 324 | 93 | 757 |
| Central Arkansas | 8,651 | 9,027 | 376 | 4.35% | 679 | 590 | 188 | 1,457 |
| City of Little Rock | 7,083 | 7,282 | 199 | 2.81% | 552 | 486 | 100 | 1,138 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 2,575 | 2,564 | -11 | -0.43% | 192 | 167 | -6 | 353 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 2,814 | 2,866 | 52 | 1.85% | 220 | 191 | 26 | 437 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 2,978 | 3,063 | 85 | 2.85% | 226 | 202 | 42 | 470 |