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**EXPLANATION OF INDUSTRY PROJECTIONS DATA
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NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Industry code according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Title and Coding Structure	Industry title according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Title and Coding Structure	An estimate of the number of jobs in an industry in 2017	The projected number of jobs expected to be in an industry in 2019	Total number of jobs an industry is expected to gain or lose over the 2017 to 2019 period	Percent change in the number of jobs in an industry over the 2017 to 2019 period

EXPLANATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS DATA

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Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)		Employment		Change		Annual Openings			
Code	Title	2017 Estimated	2019 Projected	Numeric	Percent	Exits	Transfers	Change	Total
The occupational code based on the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Coding and Title Structure	The occupational title based on the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Coding and Title Structure	An estimate of the number of jobs in an occupation in 2017	The projected number of jobs expected to be in an occupation in 2019	Total number of jobs an occupation is expected to gain or lose over the 2017 to 2019 period	Percent change in the number of jobs in an occupation over the 2017 to 2019 period	Average number of annual job openings expected to be created during the projection period due to those leaving the workforce for four months or more	Average number of annual job openings expected to be created during the projection period due to those transferring to an occupation in a different SOC Major Group	Average number of annual job openings expected to be created during the projection period due to the gain or decline in an occupation	Average number of annual job openings expected to be created during the projection period due to employment growth and separations

Definition of Important Terms

Base Employment – The average number of jobs in a particular industry or occupation during the benchmark year or quarter.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) – A monthly survey of business establishments that provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings data by industry for the nation as a whole, all states, and most major metropolitan areas.

Employment – The number of jobs in a business or firm at any given time.

Establishment – The physical location of a certain economic activity, for example, a factory, mine, store, or office. Generally, a single establishment produces a single good or provides a single service.

Fastest Growing – Refers to percent growth. The higher the percent growth, the faster an industry or occupation is growing.

Industry – A group of establishments that produce similar products or provide similar services.

Metropolitan Statistical Area – A county or group of contiguous counties that contains an urban center of at least 50,000 residents and has a high degree of economic and social ties.

Net Change – The difference between projected employment and base employment.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) – A system used in assigning industry-designated code numbers to employers and/or establishments based on the nature of their activities, services rendered, or products delivered. It was established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and is used by all agencies for data compilation.

Occupation – A set of activities that employees are paid to perform; employees who perform the same tasks are in the same occupation, whether or not they are in the same industry.

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) – A federal/state cooperative program that produces employment and wage estimates for over 800 occupations. These are estimates of the number of people employed in certain occupations and estimates of the wages paid to them. The estimates are also used to gather occupational staffing patterns by industry, which are used to project employment needs by occupation.

Percent (%) Change – The rate at which an industry or occupation is expected to grow or decline.

Projected Employment – The average number of jobs expected to be in an industry or occupation in the future.

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) – A federal/state cooperative program that produces employment and wage data for workers covered by state unemployment insurance laws and federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Program; data is arranged by the type of industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Sector – A level of industry classification under supersector according to the NAICS structure.

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) – A coding system used by all federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, or disseminating data.

Subsector – A level of industry classification under sector according to the NAICS structure.

Supersector – The top level of industry classification according to the NAICS structure.

Workforce Development Area – A group of contiguous counties where employment, training, and educational services are provided; established through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide services for eligible youth, adults, and dislocated workers.

Methodology

The following is a brief overview of the method used to produce short-term employment projections for the local workforce development areas.

Data Development

Data development is accomplished by using three sources:

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage reports. This source provides all of the covered employment for Arkansas. A firm or business is considered “covered” if it meets the guidelines established under the Unemployment Insurance Law.

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey. This source provides employment information for non-covered establishments, which are railroads, the Federal Work Study Program, churches, religious-based schools, elected officials, commissioned insurance agents, as well as other establishments not reporting to the *Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)* program.

Agriculture employment. This is obtained from the Census of Agriculture. The Census of Agriculture is taken every five years in years ending in two and seven. Information from the QCEW reports is used to make estimates for years following the Census year until the next Census. Other information from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is used to supplement agriculture employment.

Other Non-Covered Employment. Data on other Agriculture employment, specifically NAICS 113, 114, and 115 as well as Private Households are supplemented using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Industry Projections

The industry projections in this publication were produced using the *Projections Suite System* software, authorized by the U.S. Department of Labor and developed by the Utah Department of Workforce Services. The software has several components. The system forecasts employment using several models. The analyst chooses an appropriate forecast for each industry. All areas are done at the same time. In addition, business news related to closures, layoffs, openings, and expansions is used in the forecasting process and adjustments are made when necessary.

Occupational Projections

Occupational projections are produced by merging industries and occupations together into an industry-occupational matrix. This matrix is a table showing the occupational pattern of each industry (i.e., the ratios of employment by occupation in a specific industry). The statewide matrix is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey and uses a Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code for each occupation.

The occupational employment projections contained in this publication were created using the *Projections Suite System* software, authorized by the U.S. Department of Labor and developed by the Utah Department of Workforce Services. The software applies occupational change factors to the projected patterns to form a projected matrix. In addition, using national self-employment and unpaid family workers staffing patterns, the system generates base and projected employment for self-employed and unpaid family workers.

Data Limitations

The projections contained in this publication are estimates based on historical data. It is important not to take these projections as the actual employment numbers that will occur in 2019. While every attempt is made to utilize current and near future events, such as business closings, corporate layoffs, openings, and expansions, it is not possible to know everything that is occurring. Events that take place after the projection period or announcements concerning closings, layoffs, openings, and expansions known after projections were completed are not reflected in the forecasts. In addition, legislative policy could cause employment to change. Events such as these may cause the actual employment numbers to vary significantly from these projections.

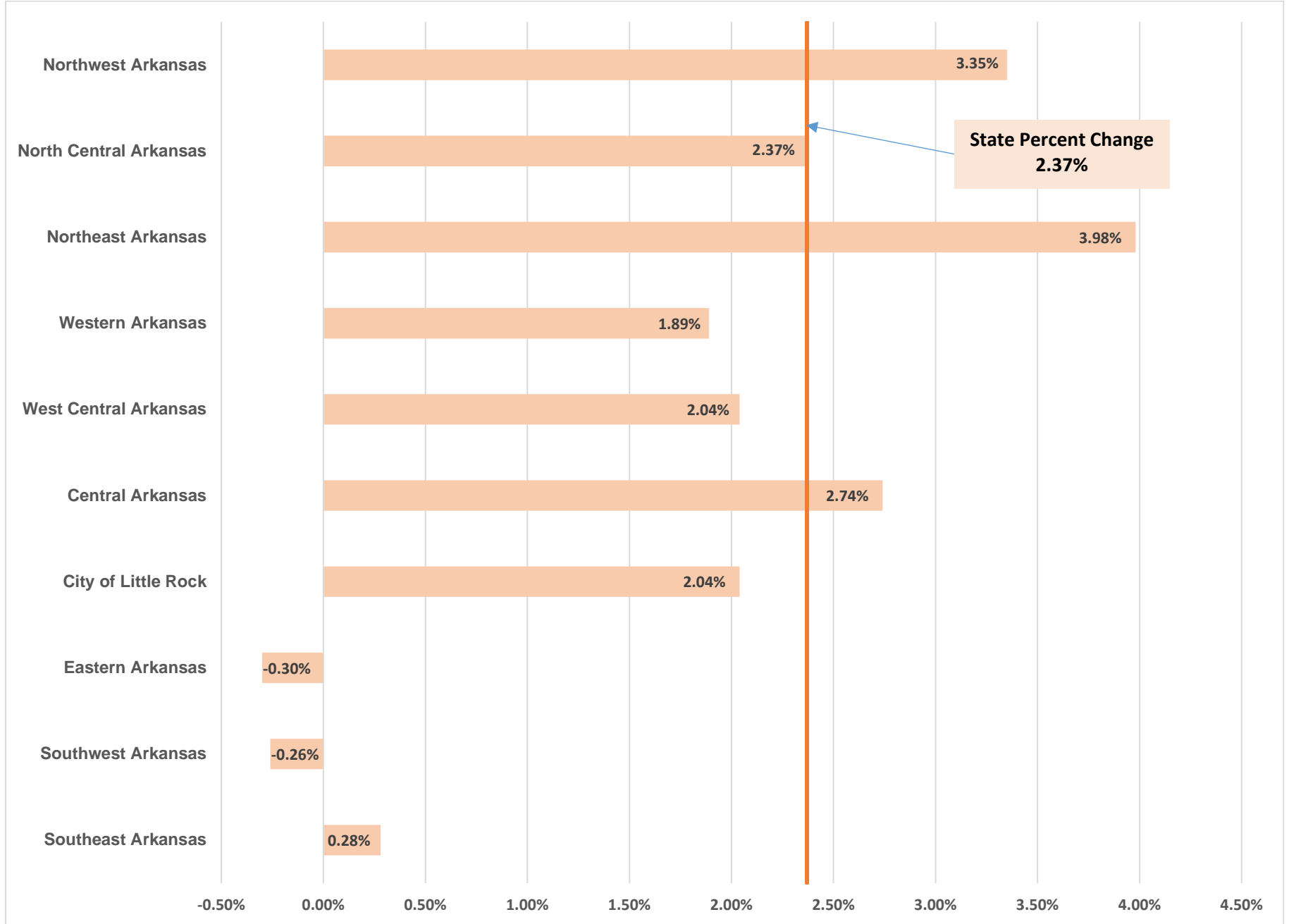
It is important to consider both numeric change and percent change when looking at projections. Industries or occupations with small employment will generally have higher growth rates than those with larger employment, but these industries may only add a few employees over the projection period. For occupational projections, it is important to look at both annual exits and annual transfers as well as the annual change. Opportunities in an occupation still exist even if the occupation is in decline.

Total Employment Projections by Workforce Development Area

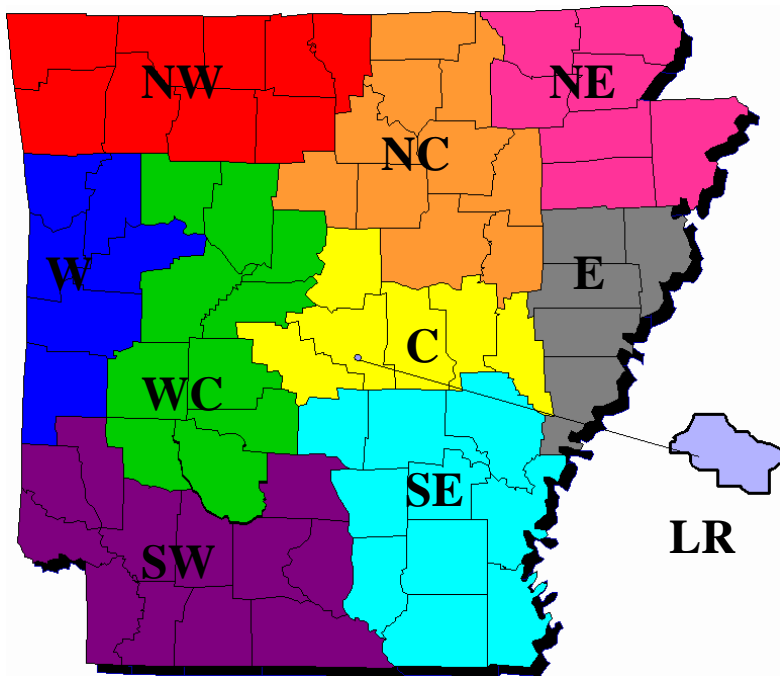
Workforce Development Area	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
Northwest Arkansas	309,664	320,028	10,364	3.35%	14,686	19,248	5,182	39,116
North Central Arkansas	83,929	85,919	1,990	2.37%	4,120	4,876	995	9,991
Northeast Arkansas	115,348	119,935	4,587	3.98%	5,550	7,216	2,294	15,060
Western Arkansas	119,242	121,491	2,249	1.89%	5,782	7,444	1,124	14,350
West Central Arkansas	126,025	128,594	2,569	2.04%	6,229	7,842	1,284	15,355
Central Arkansas	176,650	181,491	4,841	2.74%	8,604	11,180	2,420	22,204
City of Little Rock	198,330	202,369	4,039	2.04%	8,810	11,732	2,020	22,562
Eastern Arkansas	41,622	41,498	-124	-0.30%	2,090	2,551	-62	4,579
Southwest Arkansas	90,986	90,752	-234	-0.26%	4,314	5,559	-117	9,756
Southeast Arkansas	81,485	81,710	225	0.28%	3,818	4,923	112	8,853

The Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) is projected to be the top growing Area in the state during the 2017-2019 projection period with 10,364 new jobs anticipated to be added to the job market, a 3.35 percent change. The Northeast Arkansas WDA is predicted to be the fastest growing Area increasing by a rate of 3.98 percent. Two areas are forecast to lose jobs with the Southwest Arkansas WDA expected to experience a net loss of 234 jobs and the Eastern Arkansas WDA set to lose 124. Each of those areas are expected to lose less the 0.50 percent of its overall workforce. In terms of annual openings, the Northwest Arkansas WDA is projected to have 39,116 annual job openings, while the City of Little Rock WDA is estimated to have 22,562. The Eastern Arkansas WDA is predicted to have the fewest job openings with 4,579. Page 12 shows a chart of each area's percent growth as it compares to the statewide percent growth. The red line shows the statewide growth rate. Areas beyond the line are growing faster than the state as a whole, while those not reaching the line are growing slower than the state as a whole or are declining in employment.

Percent Change of Total Employment by Workforce Development Area



Local Workforce Development Areas



Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington Counties

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, and Woodruff Counties

Northeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, and Randolph Counties

Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, and Sebastian Counties

West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Clark, Conway, Garland, Hot Spring, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Pope, and Yell Counties

Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Faulkner, Lonoke, Monroe, Prairie, Saline, and Pulaski Counties, except the city of Little Rock

City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area

Inside the city limits of Little Rock

Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Phillips, and St. Francis Counties

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, and Union Counties

Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln Counties

Northwest Arkansas



The Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) consists of nine counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington. The area borders two states, Missouri to the north and Oklahoma to the west. The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which includes McDonald County in Missouri, is located within this Area. Several large companies, including Wal-Mart and Tyson Foods, have headquarters here, along with many trucking companies.

Northwest Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): 3.99%
Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 3.35%
Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 3.1%

The Northwest Arkansas WDA has the largest employment base in the state and is predicted to be the top growing Area in the state, which provides job seekers with a variety of career choices among the many industries and occupations. This Area is projected to gain 10,364 jobs, an increase of 3.35 percent between 2017 and 2019 and one of three areas growing faster than the state as a whole. Goods-Producing industries are estimated to gain 1,476 jobs, while Services-Providing industries are forecast to add 8,653 jobs. An increase of 235 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is anticipated between 2017 and 2019. The population in Northwest Arkansas has increased 3.99 percent, adding 25,089 more residents, from 2015 to 2017, and bringing the population to 640,652. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 3.1%, which was better than the state as a whole.

The **Education and Health Services** supersector is expected to add the most jobs increasing by 2,360, an increase of 3.93 percent. **Construction** is estimated to be the fastest growing supersector, increasing by 6.75% percent. *Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services* and *Food Services and Drinking Places* are predicted to be the top growing industries in the Area with 875 new jobs anticipated for each. *Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry* is expected to be the fastest growing industry increasing by 31.21 percent. *Crop Production* is estimated to be the top declining industry with a loss of 120 jobs, or 13.19 percent of its workforce, while *Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing* is slated to be the fastest declining industry cutting 18.49 percent of its workforce. Overall, the **Natural Resources and Mining** supersector could lose 45 net jobs, or 1.33 percent of its workforce.

The Northwest Arkansas WDA is projected to have 39,116 annual job openings of which 14,686 would be created from employees leaving the workforce, 19,248 from those changing jobs, and 5,182 from growth and expansion. **Office and Administrative Support Occupations** is predicted to be the top growing major group with 1,055 new jobs by March 2019. **Community and Social Service Occupations** is forecast to be the fastest growing major group with a 6.24 percent increase. *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* leads the Area in net change with 458 new jobs, while *Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks* could be the fastest growing occupation, adding 12.33 percent more to its workforce. *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* is slated to have the most job openings with 1,487. On the negative side of the economy, the **Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations** major group is predicted to lose 61 jobs, or 1.97 percent of its workforce. *Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers* is predicted to be the top and fastest declining occupation losing 46 jobs between 2017 and 2019, or 11.33 percent of its workforce.

Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	309,664	320,028	10,364	3.35%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	30,693	30,928	235	0.77%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Job	29,673	29,986	313	1.05%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	1,020	942	-78	-7.65%
101000	Goods Producing	49,294	50,770	1,476	2.99%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	3,393	3,348	-45	-1.33%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,275	3,236	-39	-1.19%
210000	Mining	118	112	-6	-5.08%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	11,169	11,923	754	6.75%
101300	MANUFACTURING	34,732	35,499	767	2.21%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	22,036	22,769	733	3.33%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	12,696	12,730	34	0.27%
102000	Services Providing	229,677	238,330	8,653	3.77%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	59,913	61,957	2,044	3.41%
420000	Wholesale Trade	10,344	10,898	554	5.36%
440000	Retail Trade	31,598	32,307	709	2.24%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	16,860	17,609	749	4.44%
220000	Utilities	1,111	1,143	32	2.88%
102200	INFORMATION	2,549	2,566	17	0.67%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	9,218	9,691	473	5.13%
520000	Finance and Insurance	6,568	6,956	388	5.91%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,650	2,735	85	3.21%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	47,899	49,855	1,956	4.08%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,318	13,193	875	7.10%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	24,426	25,182	756	3.10%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	11,155	11,480	325	2.91%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	60,032	62,392	2,360	3.93%
610000	Educational Services	27,422	28,177	755	2.75%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	32,610	34,215	1,605	4.92%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	28,272	29,416	1,144	4.05%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,649	2,849	200	7.55%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	25,623	26,567	944	3.68%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	10,142	10,637	495	4.88%
102800	GOVERNMENT	11,652	11,816	164	1.41%

Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
541000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,318	13,193	875	7.10%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	22,470	23,345	875	3.89%
551000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	24,426	25,182	756	3.10%
611000	Educational Services	27,422	28,177	755	2.75%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	11,220	11,904	684	6.10%
311000	Food Manufacturing	15,843	16,385	542	3.42%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	7,935	8,451	516	6.50%
484000	Truck Transportation	11,732	12,193	461	3.93%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	5,553	5,972	419	7.55%
624000	Social Assistance	7,623	8,041	418	5.48%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	471	618	147	31.21%
325000	Chemical Manufacturing	360	443	83	23.06%
312000	Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	276	322	46	16.67%
524000	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	1,903	2,130	227	11.93%
485000	Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	498	549	51	10.24%
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	935	1,028	93	9.95%
481000	Air Transportation	306	334	28	9.15%
523000	Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	461	501	40	8.68%
712000	Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions	455	494	39	8.57%
713000	Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	1,855	2,001	146	7.87%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
111000	Crop Production	910	790	-120	-13.19%
334000	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	568	463	-105	-18.49%
814000	Private Households	647	566	-81	-12.52%
331000	Primary Metal Manufacturing	921	854	-67	-7.27%
112000	Animal Production	1,836	1,770	-66	-3.59%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
334000	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	568	463	-105	-18.49%
111000	Crop Production	910	790	-120	-13.19%
814000	Private Households	647	566	-81	-12.52%
331000	Primary Metal Manufacturing	921	854	-67	-7.27%
323000	Printing and Related Support Activities	706	672	-34	-4.82%

Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	309,664	320,028	10,364	3.35%	14,686	19,248	5,182	39,116
11-0000	Management Occupations	32,345	33,045	700	2.16%	1,270	1,190	350	2,810
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	17,770	18,533	763	4.29%	568	1,108	382	2,058
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	8,747	9,139	392	4.48%	150	426	196	772
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2,467	2,591	124	5.03%	64	116	62	242
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	1,427	1,497	70	4.91%	42	94	35	171
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	4,374	4,647	273	6.24%	195	291	136	622
23-0000	Legal Occupations	1,571	1,652	81	5.16%	41	60	40	141
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	18,541	19,134	593	3.20%	758	764	296	1,818
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	3,565	3,676	111	3.11%	146	198	56	400
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	14,882	15,600	718	4.82%	405	404	359	1,168
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	6,560	6,880	320	4.88%	380	367	160	907
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	4,063	4,158	95	2.34%	167	200	48	415
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	24,220	25,156	936	3.86%	1,824	2,304	468	4,596
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	9,568	9,843	275	2.87%	586	616	138	1,340
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	9,567	10,020	453	4.74%	750	656	226	1,632
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	31,343	32,290	947	3.02%	1,934	2,418	474	4,826
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	40,213	41,268	1,055	2.62%	2,074	2,438	528	5,040
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	3,090	3,029	-61	-1.97%	114	334	-30	418
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	11,092	11,660	568	5.12%	400	752	284	1,436
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	10,559	10,953	394	3.73%	374	640	197	1,211
51-0000	Production Occupations	27,014	27,565	551	2.04%	1,168	1,988	276	3,432
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	26,686	27,692	1,006	3.77%	1,274	1,883	503	3,660

Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	11,724	12,182	458	3.91%	507	751	229	1,487
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,770	7,131	361	5.33%	616	644	180	1,440
29-1141	Registered Nurses	4,361	4,595	234	5.37%	128	98	117	343
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	5,204	5,423	219	4.21%	110	317	110	537
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,985	3,197	212	7.10%	246	186	106	538
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	9,433	9,632	199	2.11%	604	756	100	1,460
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	3,657	3,848	191	5.22%	124	252	96	472
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	4,788	4,959	171	3.57%	242	416	86	744
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,235	4,393	158	3.73%	281	272	79	632
21-2011	Clergy	1,932	2,088	156	8.07%	92	124	78	294

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	292	328	36	12.33%	13	18	18	49
39-7011	Tour Guides and Escorts	53	59	6	11.32%	5	4	3	12
15-2031	Operations Research Analysts	46	51	5	10.87%	1	2	2	5
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	604	669	65	10.76%	26	34	32	92
43-4181	Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	207	228	21	10.14%	10	13	10	33
53-3021	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	79	87	8	10.13%	6	4	4	14
39-2011	Animal Trainers	150	165	15	10.00%	8	10	8	26
51-9023	Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	173	189	16	9.25%	6	14	8	28
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	1,285	1,403	118	9.18%	18	66	59	143
17-3031	Surveying and Mapping Technicians	58	63	5	8.62%	2	4	2	8

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	13,592	13,557	-35	-0.26%	794	202	-18	978
41-2011	Cashiers	6,801	6,922	121	1.78%	644	628	60	1,332
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,770	7,131	361	5.33%	616	644	180	1,440
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	9,433	9,632	199	2.11%	604	756	100	1,460
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	11,724	12,182	458	3.91%	507	751	229	1,487
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	6,168	6,302	134	2.17%	366	356	67	789
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	4,396	4,547	151	3.43%	331	507	76	914
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,235	4,393	158	3.73%	281	272	79	632
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	5,022	5,098	76	1.51%	272	265	38	575
39-9011	Childcare Workers	3,049	3,118	69	2.26%	252	191	34	477

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	9,433	9,632	199	2.11%	604	756	100	1,460
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	11,724	12,182	458	3.91%	507	751	229	1,487
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,770	7,131	361	5.33%	616	644	180	1,440
41-2011	Cashiers	6,801	6,922	121	1.78%	644	628	60	1,332
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	4,396	4,547	151	3.43%	331	507	76	914
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	4,788	4,959	171	3.57%	242	416	86	744
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	6,168	6,302	134	2.17%	366	356	67	789
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	5,204	5,423	219	4.21%	110	317	110	537
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	3,983	4,116	133	3.34%	221	288	66	575
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,235	4,393	158	3.73%	281	272	79	632

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	11,724	12,182	458	3.91%	507	751	229	1,487
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	9,433	9,632	199	2.11%	604	756	100	1,460
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,770	7,131	361	5.33%	616	644	180	1,440
41-2011	Cashiers	6,801	6,922	121	1.78%	644	628	60	1,332
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	13,592	13,557	-35	-0.26%	794	202	-18	978
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	4,396	4,547	151	3.43%	331	507	76	914
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	6,168	6,302	134	2.17%	366	356	67	789
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	4,788	4,959	171	3.57%	242	416	86	744
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,235	4,393	158	3.73%	281	272	79	632
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Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	406	360	-46	-11.33%	20	25	-23	22
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	13,592	13,557	-35	-0.26%	794	202	-18	978
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	1,051	1,022	-29	-2.76%	38	118	-14	142
51-4072	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	569	547	-22	-3.87%	20	42	-11	51
51-5112	Printing Press Operators	301	289	-12	-3.99%	12	19	-6	25

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	406	360	-46	-11.33%	20	25	-23	22
51-4033	Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	120	111	-9	-7.50%	4	8	-4	8
25-3011	Adult Basic and Secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors	48	46	-2	-4.17%	3	2	-1	4
51-5112	Printing Press Operators	301	289	-12	-3.99%	12	19	-6	25
51-4072	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	569	547	-22	-3.87%	20	42	-11	51

North Central Arkansas



The North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) consists of 10 counties: Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, IZard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, and Woodruff, with the state of Missouri bordering the area to the north.

North Central Arkansas Profile	
Population Growth (2015-2017):	0.25%
Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019):	2.37%
Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1):	5.4%

The North Central Arkansas WDA is projected to add 1,990 jobs from first quarter 2017 through first quarter 2019, or increase employment by 2.37 percent, which matches the state growth rate. Goods-Producing industries are expected to have a net gain of 481, while the Services-Providing industries could add 1,067. The Area is predicted to experience a gain in Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, with an increase of 442, an increase of 3.49 percent. Population rose slightly from 2015 to 2017, gaining 587 residents, bringing population up to 237,451. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 5.4 percent.

Education and Health Services is projected to be the top growing supersector in the North Central Arkansas WDA with a gain of 676 jobs. **Other Services (except Government)** is estimated to be the fastest growing supersector with a gain of 5.39 percent. *Hospitals* is forecast to be the top growing industry with a gain of 209 new jobs. *Private Households* is expected to be the fastest growing industry increasing employment by 26.94 percent. The **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** supersector is predicted to lose the most jobs with a net decline of 187. Driving this decline is *Truck Transportation*, which is anticipating a loss of 180 jobs, or 10.38 percent of its workforce. *Pipeline Transportation* is predicted to lose 18.81 percent of its workforce making it the fastest declining industry.

The Area is expected to have 9,991 total job openings annually between 2017 and 2019. Of these, 4,120 would be from those exiting the workforce, while 4,876 would be from those changing jobs. Another 995 would be related to growth and expansion. **Management Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group with 415 new jobs. Driving this growth is *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers*, which is anticipated to gain 317 jobs between 2017 and 2019 making it the top growing occupation in the Area. The occupation is also projected to have the most job openings with 872 annually. **Personal Care and Service Occupations** is slated to be the fastest growing major group increasing by 5.43 percent. *Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders* is estimated to be the fastest growing occupation raising employment by 10.71 percent. **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** is estimated to decline by 49 jobs making it the top declining major group. Driving this decline is *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers*, which could lose 118 jobs, or 5.32 percent of its workforce, making it the top declining occupation. **Architecture and Engineering Occupations** is forecast to be the fastest declining major group with a decline of 5.36 percent. *Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining* is expected to lose 11.76 percent of its workforce, making it the fastest declining occupation.

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	83,929	85,919	1,990	2.37%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	12,678	13,120	442	3.49%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	12,300	12,772	472	3.84%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	378	348	-30	-7.94%
101000	Goods Producing	13,147	13,628	481	3.66%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	2,833	2,828	-5	-0.18%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,264	2,318	54	2.39%
210000	Mining	569	510	-59	-10.37%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	2,176	2,288	112	5.15%
101300	MANUFACTURING	8,138	8,512	374	4.60%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	3,663	3,849	186	5.08%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	4,475	4,663	188	4.20%
102000	Services Providing	58,104	59,171	1,067	1.84%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	15,407	15,220	-187	-1.21%
420000	Wholesale Trade	1,560	1,458	-102	-6.54%
440000	Retail Trade	9,460	9,568	108	1.14%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	3,718	3,531	-187	-5.03%
220000	Utilities	669	663	-6	-0.90%
102200	INFORMATION	474	496	22	4.64%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,551	2,612	61	2.39%
520000	Finance and Insurance	1,983	2,021	38	1.92%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	568	591	23	4.05%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3,209	3,261	52	1.62%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,024	931	-93	-9.08%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	295	313	18	6.10%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,890	2,017	127	6.72%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	21,862	22,538	676	3.09%
610000	Educational Services	8,841	8,963	122	1.38%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	13,021	13,575	554	4.25%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	6,374	6,580	206	3.23%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	412	431	19	4.61%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	5,962	6,149	187	3.14%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	2,762	2,911	149	5.39%
102800	GOVERNMENT	5,465	5,553	88	1.61%

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
622000	Hospitals	3,495	3,704	209	5.98%
311000	Food Manufacturing	2,384	2,591	207	8.68%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	1,052	1,230	178	16.92%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	5,360	5,532	172	3.21%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	3,910	4,081	171	4.37%
561000	Administrative and Support Services	1,773	1,916	143	8.07%
611000	Educational Services	8,841	8,963	122	1.38%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	1,188	1,299	111	9.34%
624000	Social Assistance	2,543	2,645	102	4.01%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	759	840	81	10.67%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Employment of 25)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
814000	Private Households	219	278	59	26.94%
425000	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	137	161	24	17.52%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	1,052	1,230	178	16.92%
512000	Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries	48	56	8	16.67%
326000	Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	220	248	28	12.73%
523000	Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	81	91	10	12.35%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	759	840	81	10.67%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	1,188	1,299	111	9.34%
517000	Telecommunications	145	158	13	8.97%
453000	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	480	523	43	8.96%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
484000	Truck Transportation	1,734	1,554	-180	-10.38%
541000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,024	931	-93	-9.08%
424000	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	718	653	-65	-9.05%
423000	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	705	644	-61	-8.65%
339000	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	369	311	-58	-15.72%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
486000	Pipeline Transportation	101	82	-19	-18.81%
213000	Support Activities for Mining	114	96	-18	-15.79%
339000	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	369	311	-58	-15.72%
335000	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing	217	183	-34	-15.67%
443000	Electronics and Appliance Stores	156	132	-24	-15.38%

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings- Exits	Annual Openings- Transfers	Annual Openings- Change	Annual Openings- Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	83,929	85,919	1,990	2.37%	4,120	4,876	995	9,991
11-0000	Management Occupations	13,090	13,505	415	3.17%	660	326	208	1,194
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1,563	1,585	22	1.41%	45	90	11	146
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	363	372	9	2.48%	5	18	4	27
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	429	406	-23	-5.36%	10	18	-12	16
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	288	290	2	0.69%	6	16	1	23
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	1,443	1,502	59	4.09%	62	94	30	186
23-0000	Legal Occupations	276	268	-8	-2.90%	7	10	-4	13
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	5,859	5,963	104	1.78%	234	237	52	523
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	616	632	16	2.60%	27	35	8	70
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	5,786	6,034	248	4.29%	156	164	124	444
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	2,686	2,784	98	3.65%	162	145	49	356
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	1,311	1,327	16	1.22%	46	60	8	114
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	6,757	6,956	199	2.95%	497	632	100	1,229
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	2,441	2,565	124	5.08%	154	158	62	374
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	2,670	2,815	145	5.43%	208	184	72	464
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	6,769	6,862	93	1.37%	427	536	46	1,009
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	10,287	10,338	51	0.50%	528	601	26	1,155
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1,474	1,494	20	1.36%	54	166	10	230
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	2,858	2,931	73	2.55%	102	194	36	332
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	3,039	3,092	53	1.74%	106	182	26	314
51-0000	Production Occupations	7,297	7,620	323	4.43%	305	553	162	1,020
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	6,627	6,578	-49	-0.74%	318	458	-24	752

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	9,580	9,897	317	3.31%	570	144	158	872
29-1141	Registered Nurses	1,479	1,562	83	5.61%	44	33	42	119
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,758	1,830	72	4.10%	159	166	36	361
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	999	1,070	71	7.11%	82	62	36	180
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	708	776	68	9.60%	40	70	34	144
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	592	650	58	9.80%	16	48	29	93
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	2,292	2,349	57	2.49%	147	184	28	359
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,625	1,675	50	3.08%	100	84	25	209
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	696	741	45	6.47%	53	40	22	115
51-3023	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	515	558	43	8.35%	24	41	22	87

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Employment of 25)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-9121	Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	84	93	9	10.71%	2	6	4	12
51-4011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	88	97	9	10.23%	2	6	4	12
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	592	650	58	9.80%	16	48	29	93
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	708	776	68	9.60%	40	70	34	144
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	86	94	8	9.30%	2	2	4	8
29-1071	Physician Assistants	80	87	7	8.75%	2	3	4	9
51-3023	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	515	558	43	8.35%	24	41	22	87
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	109	118	9	8.26%	2	3	4	9
51-9111	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	231	250	19	8.23%	12	16	10	38
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	125	135	10	8.00%	4	8	5	17

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	9,580	9,897	317	3.31%	570	144	158	872
41-2011	Cashiers	1,893	1,886	-7	-0.37%	178	173	-4	347
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,758	1,830	72	4.10%	159	166	36	361
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	2,292	2,349	57	2.49%	147	184	28	359
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	1,729	1,735	6	0.35%	102	99	3	204
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,625	1,675	50	3.08%	100	84	25	209
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,217	2,099	-118	-5.32%	92	136	-59	169
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,227	1,257	30	2.44%	92	141	15	248
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	999	1,070	71	7.11%	82	62	36	180
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,381	1,356	-25	-1.81%	74	72	-12	134

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	2,292	2,349	57	2.49%	147	184	28	359
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11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	9,580	9,897	317	3.31%	570	144	158	872
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,227	1,257	30	2.44%	92	141	15	248
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,217	2,099	-118	-5.32%	92	136	-59	169
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	1,729	1,735	6	0.35%	102	99	3	204
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,147	1,156	9	0.78%	57	98	4	159
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,625	1,675	50	3.08%	100	84	25	209
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,118	1,124	6	0.54%	61	80	3	144

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	9,580	9,897	317	3.31%	570	144	158	872
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41-2031	Retail Salespersons	2,292	2,349	57	2.49%	147	184	28	359
41-2011	Cashiers	1,893	1,886	-7	-0.37%	178	173	-4	347
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,227	1,257	30	2.44%	92	141	15	248
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,625	1,675	50	3.08%	100	84	25	209
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	1,729	1,735	6	0.35%	102	99	3	204
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	999	1,070	71	7.11%	82	62	36	180
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,217	2,099	-118	-5.32%	92	136	-59	169
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,147	1,156	9	0.78%	57	98	4	159

Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,217	2,099	-118	-5.32%	92	136	-59	169
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,381	1,356	-25	-1.81%	74	72	-12	134
17-2141	Mechanical Engineers	223	204	-19	-8.52%	4	9	-10	3
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	199	190	-9	-4.52%	6	11	-4	13
41-2011	Cashiers	1,893	1,886	-7	-0.37%	178	173	-4	347

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 4)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
47-5013	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	51	45	-6	-11.76%	1	4	-3	2
17-2141	Mechanical Engineers	223	204	-19	-8.52%	4	9	-10	3
11-3071	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	56	52	-4	-7.14%	1	3	-2	2
49-3041	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	58	54	-4	-6.90%	2	4	-2	4
51-5112	Printing Press Operators	75	70	-5	-6.67%	3	4	-2	5

Northeast Arkansas



The Northeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) consists of seven counties: Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, and Randolph, with the state of Missouri bordering the area to the north and Tennessee to the east. The Jonesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area is located in this Area.

Northeast Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): 0.69%
Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 3.98%
Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 4.2%

The Northeast Arkansas WDA is expected to add 4,587 jobs during the projection period, a 3.98 percent rise in employment.

Goods-Producing industries are predicted to have a net gain of 1,652 jobs, while Services-Providing industries could add 2,360. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is anticipated to gain 575 net jobs. Population in the Area has increased slightly from 2015 to 2017 with a 0.69 percent gain, adding 1,844 residents and bringing the total population to 267,483. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 4.2 percent.

Manufacturing is expected to be the top growing supersector with 1,225 new jobs. Driving the growth is *Food Manufacturing*, which is estimated to gain 697 jobs, a 21.07 percent increase, making it the top growing industry for Northeast Arkansas. **Natural Resources and Mining** is anticipated to be the fastest growing supersector increasing by 8.14 percent. *Animal Production* is predicted to be the fastest growing industry with a 51.41 percent gain. It has grown almost 87.50 percent since 2014. *General Merchandise Stores* is predicted to be the top declining industry as a few stores in the Area have recently closed or have announced closures. *Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers* could see a 13.75 percent decline making it the fastest declining industry.

The Northeast Arkansas WDA is expected to have 15,060 annual openings during the projection period with 5,550 created due to employees leaving the workforce, 7,216 from those changing jobs, and 2,294 due to growth and expansion. **Production Occupations** is predicted to be the top growing major group adding 746 new jobs to the labor market. **Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations** is projected to be the fastest growing major group increasing jobs by 8.53 percent. Driving this growth is *Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals*, which is estimated to be the fastest growing occupation increasing employment by 43.37 percent. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers* is projected to be the top occupation for both net change as well as the number of annual openings with 334 new jobs and 628 annual job openings. *Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse* is forecast to be the top declining occupation with a loss of 24 jobs, while *Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers* is anticipated to lose 22.73 percent of its workforce making it the fastest declining occupation.

Northeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	115,348	119,935	4,587	3.98%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	10,940	11,515	575	5.26%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	10,516	11,123	607	5.77%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	424	392	-32	7.55%
101000	Goods Producing	27,256	28,908	1,652	6.06%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	3,305	3,574	269	8.14%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,204	3,465	261	8.15%
210000	Mining	101	109	8	7.92%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	3,777	3,935	158	4.18%
101300	MANUFACTURING	20,174	21,399	1,225	6.07%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	7,247	8,086	839	11.58%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	12,927	13,313	386	2.99%
102000	Services Providing	77,152	79,512	2,360	3.06%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	19,425	19,770	345	1.78%
420000	Wholesale Trade	3,321	3,262	-59	-1.78%
440000	Retail Trade	12,653	12,750	97	0.77%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	3,013	3,329	316	10.49%
220000	Utilities	438	429	-9	-2.05%
102200	INFORMATION	695	700	5	0.72%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	3,245	3,270	25	0.77%
<i>520000</i>	<i>Finance and Insurance</i>	2,254	2,263	9	0.40%
<i>530000</i>	<i>Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</i>	991	1,007	16	1.61%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	7,178	7,522	344	4.79%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,696	1,830	134	7.90%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	615	647	32	5.20%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	4,867	5,045	178	3.66%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	28,253	29,385	1,132	4.01%
610000	Educational Services	11,330	11,514	184	1.62%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	16,923	17,871	948	5.60%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	9,080	9,358	278	3.06%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	512	537	25	4.88%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	8,568	8,821	253	2.95%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	2,912	3,034	122	4.19%
102800	GOVERNMENT	6,364	6,473	109	1.71%

Northeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
311000	Food Manufacturing	3,308	4,005	697	21.07%
112000	Animal Production	710	1,075	365	51.41%
622000	Hospitals	5,160	5,458	298	5.78%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	5,145	5,428	283	5.50%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	8,043	8,284	241	3.00%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,822	4,059	237	6.20%
624000	Social Assistance	4,253	4,473	220	5.17%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	2,380	2,589	209	8.78%
611000	Educational Services	11,330	11,514	184	1.62%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,625	2,797	172	6.55%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
112000	Animal Production	710	1,075	365	51.41%
562000	Waste Management and Remediation Service	269	348	79	29.37%
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	684	855	171	25.00%
311000	Food Manufacturing	3,308	4,005	697	21.07%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	1,399	1,528	129	9.22%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	2,380	2,589	209	8.78%
485000	Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	96	104	8	8.33%
541000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,696	1,830	134	7.90%
492000	Couriers and Messengers	299	321	22	7.36%
484000	Truck Transportation	1,313	1,400	87	6.63%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
452000	General Merchandise Stores	3,714	3,620	-94	-2.53%
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	930	863	-67	-7.20%
335000	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing	669	606	-63	-9.42%
424000	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	1,390	1,344	-46	-3.31%
111000	Crop Production	1,546	1,509	-37	-2.39%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
425000	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	160	138	-22	-13.75%
814000	Private Households	204	178	-26	-12.75%
523000	Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	106	94	-12	-11.32%
321000	Wood Product Manufacturing	288	256	-32	-11.11%
335000	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing	669	606	-63	-9.42%

Northeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	115,348	119,935	4,587	3.98%	5,550	7,216	2,294	15,060
11-0000	Management Occupations	11,195	11,758	563	5.03%	498	360	282	1,140
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	2,506	2,601	95	3.79%	78	148	48	274
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	841	888	47	5.59%	16	42	24	82
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	986	1,059	73	7.40%	26	46	36	108
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	315	331	16	5.08%	8	19	8	35
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	1,942	2,062	120	6.18%	82	130	60	272
23-0000	Legal Occupations	308	324	16	5.19%	8	12	8	28
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	7,699	7,861	162	2.10%	318	322	81	721
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	816	846	30	3.68%	33	48	15	96
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	7,570	7,979	409	5.40%	211	208	204	623
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	3,291	3,481	190	5.77%	194	184	95	473
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	1,685	1,727	42	2.49%	70	84	21	175
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	9,412	9,713	301	3.20%	702	894	150	1,746
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	4,035	4,179	144	3.57%	250	261	72	583
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	3,520	3,705	185	5.26%	272	234	92	598
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	10,856	10,947	91	0.84%	657	844	46	1,547
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	13,718	14,007	289	2.11%	712	820	144	1,676
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1,982	2,151	169	8.53%	76	230	84	390
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	4,160	4,334	174	4.18%	149	283	87	519
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	5,105	5,365	260	5.09%	178	308	130	616
51-0000	Production Occupations	14,768	15,514	746	5.05%	585	1,109	373	2,067
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	8,638	9,103	465	5.38%	428	631	232	1,291

Northeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	6,113	6,447	334	5.46%	367	94	167	628
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	415	595	180	43.37%	18	58	90	166
51-2092	Team Assemblers	3,245	3,386	141	4.35%	142	240	70	452
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,093	3,233	140	4.53%	280	293	70	643
29-1141	Registered Nurses	2,100	2,234	134	6.38%	62	47	67	176
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,592	1,717	125	7.85%	132	100	62	294
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,899	2,006	107	5.63%	118	98	54	270
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,708	1,800	92	5.39%	74	110	46	230
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,038	2,124	86	4.22%	103	178	43	324
51-9023	Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	592	677	85	14.36%	23	48	42	113

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	415	595	180	43.37%	18	58	90	166
51-3092	Food Batchmakers	205	244	39	19.02%	12	19	20	51
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	54	63	9	16.67%	1	3	4	8
51-9021	Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	42	49	7	16.67%	2	4	4	10
53-7061	Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	359	413	54	15.04%	20	34	27	81
51-9023	Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	592	677	85	14.36%	23	48	42	113
53-7081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	200	228	28	14.00%	10	16	14	40
17-3023	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technicians	65	73	8	12.31%	2	4	4	10
43-5111	Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	49	55	6	12.24%	2	3	3	8
11-9041	Architectural and Engineering Managers	58	65	7	12.07%	1	3	4	8

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	6,113	6,447	334	5.46%	367	94	167	628
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,093	3,233	140	4.53%	280	293	70	643
41-2011	Cashiers	2,721	2,725	4	0.15%	256	250	2	508
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	3,278	3,296	18	0.55%	208	261	9	478
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,398	2,453	55	2.29%	142	138	28	308
51-2092	Team Assemblers	3,245	3,386	141	4.35%	142	240	70	452
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,882	1,929	47	2.50%	141	216	24	381
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,592	1,717	125	7.85%	132	100	62	294
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,938	2,010	72	3.72%	128	124	36	288
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,899	2,006	107	5.63%	118	98	54	270

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,093	3,233	140	4.53%	280	293	70	643
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	3,278	3,296	18	0.55%	208	261	9	478
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51-2092	Team Assemblers	3,245	3,386	141	4.35%	142	240	70	452
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,882	1,929	47	2.50%	141	216	24	381
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,038	2,124	86	4.22%	103	178	43	324
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,398	2,453	55	2.29%	142	138	28	308
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,938	2,010	72	3.72%	128	124	36	288
45-2092	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	1,106	1,082	-24	-2.17%	40	124	-12	152
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,708	1,800	92	5.39%	74	110	46	230

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,093	3,233	140	4.53%	280	293	70	643
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	6,113	6,447	334	5.46%	367	94	167	628
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43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,398	2,453	55	2.29%	142	138	28	308
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,592	1,717	125	7.85%	132	100	62	294
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,938	2,010	72	3.72%	128	124	36	288

Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
45-2092	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	1,106	1,082	-24	-2.17%	40	124	-12	152
43-3071	Tellers	595	580	-15	-2.52%	30	38	-8	60
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	102	94	-8	-7.84%	5	6	-4	7
51-4031	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	522	515	-7	-1.34%	19	39	-4	54
29-2054	Respiratory Therapy Technicians	89	83	-6	-6.74%	3	4	-3	4

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 2)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-8093	Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers	22	17	-5	-22.73%	1	2	-2	1
51-7042	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	32	28	-4	-12.50%	1	2	-2	1
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	102	94	-8	-7.84%	5	6	-4	7
41-3031	Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	39	36	-3	-7.69%	1	2	-2	1
29-2054	Respiratory Therapy Technicians	89	83	-6	-6.74%	3	4	-3	4

Western Arkansas



The Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) consists of six counties: Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, and Sebastian; and is bordered to the west by the state of Oklahoma. The Arkansas portion of the Fort Smith Metropolitan Statistical Area is located in the Western Arkansas WDA.

The Western Arkansas WDA is expected to experience a net gain of 2,249 jobs during the projection period. Goods-Producing industries are projected to have a net loss of nine jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are estimated to add 1,962. A gain of 296 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is anticipated during the projection period. The population in Western Arkansas grew slightly, increasing by 0.70 percent, or 1,815 new residents, from 2015 to 2017, bringing total population to 261,278. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 3.9 percent.

Education and Health Services is expected to be the top growing supersector in the Area with a gain of 874 jobs during the projection period. *Administrative and Support Services* is projected to be the top growing industry increasing by 321 jobs. **Leisure and Hospitality** is predicted to raise employment by 3.87 percent making it the fastest growing supersector, while *Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry* is forecast to be the fastest growing industry in Western Arkansas raising employment by 34.20 percent. *Machinery Manufacturing* is anticipated to be the top and fastest declining industry losing 296 jobs, or 22.84 percent of its workforce. The **Manufacturing** supersector, as a whole, could see a net loss of 114 jobs.

Western Arkansas WDA is projected to have a net job gain of 1.89 percent between 2017 and 2019. Around 14,350 annual job openings are expected to be available during the projection period with 5,782 from occupational exits, 7,444 from occupational transfers, and 1,124 from growth and expansion. **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** is predicted to be the top growing major group adding 356 jobs to the workforce. Driving this growth is *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers*, which is projected to add 172 new jobs, and be the top growing occupation in the Area. *Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders* could be the fastest growing occupation raising employment by 17.19 percent. **Healthcare Support Occupations** is slated to be the fastest growing major group increasing employment by 5.12 percent. On the negative side of the economy, *Team Assemblers* could lose 143 jobs between 2017 and 2019, making it the top declining occupation, while *Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining* is projected to be the fastest declining occupation losing 14.29 percent of its workforce.

Western Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): 0.70%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 1.89%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 3.9%

Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	119,242	121,491	2,249	1.89%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	11,658	11,954	296	2.54%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	11,244	11,573	329	2.93%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	414	381	-33	-7.97%
101000	Goods Producing	27,145	27,136	-9	-0.03%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	2,310	2,337	27	1.17%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,601	1,687	86	5.37%
210000	Mining	709	650	-59	-8.32%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	3,819	3,897	78	2.04%
101300	MANUFACTURING	21,016	20,902	-114	-0.54%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	11,998	12,354	356	2.97%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	9,018	8,548	-470	-5.21%
102000	Services Providing	80,439	82,401	1,962	2.44%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	22,069	22,217	148	0.67%
420000	Wholesale Trade	3,499	3,496	-3	-0.09%
440000	Retail Trade	12,336	12,351	15	0.12%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	5,566	5,711	145	2.61%
220000	Utilities	668	659	-9	-1.35%
102200	INFORMATION	1,115	1,129	14	1.26%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	3,558	3,590	32	0.90%
520000	Finance and Insurance	2,390	2,383	-7	-0.29%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,168	1,207	39	3.34%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	10,529	10,856	327	3.11%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,049	2,055	6	0.29%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,215	2,202	-13	-0.59%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	6,265	6,599	334	5.33%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	23,836	24,710	874	3.67%
610000	Educational Services	8,480	8,773	293	3.46%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	15,356	15,937	581	3.78%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	8,811	9,152	341	3.87%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	391	400	9	2.30%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	8,420	8,752	332	3.94%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	4,288	4,412	124	2.89%
102800	GOVERNMENT	6,233	6,335	102	1.64%

Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
561000	Administrative and Support Services	6,111	6,432	321	5.25%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	7,727	8,042	315	4.08%
611000	Educational Services	8,480	8,773	293	3.46%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	5,224	5,448	224	4.29%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,409	3,617	208	6.10%
311000	Food Manufacturing	9,125	9,313	188	2.06%
484000	Truck Transportation	3,788	3,969	181	4.78%
321000	Wood Product Manufacturing	668	795	127	19.01%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,518	2,644	126	5.00%
322000	Paper Manufacturing	1,206	1,327	121	10.03%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	231	310	79	34.20%
321000	Wood Product Manufacturing	668	795	127	19.01%
326000	Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	317	356	39	12.30%
322000	Paper Manufacturing	1,206	1,327	121	10.03%
334000	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	80	88	8	10.00%
562000	Waste Management and Remediation Service	154	167	13	8.44%
517000	Telecommunications	245	264	19	7.76%
811000	Repair and Maintenance	976	1,046	70	7.17%
425000	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	264	281	17	6.44%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,409	3,617	208	6.10%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	1,296	1,000	-296	-22.84%
335000	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing	2,428	2,233	-195	-8.03%
493000	Warehousing and Storage	653	540	-113	-17.30%
236000	Construction of Buildings	676	606	-70	-10.36%
337000	Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	885	824	-61	-6.89%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	1,296	1,000	-296	-22.84%
493000	Warehousing and Storage	653	540	-113	-17.30%
213000	Support Activities for Mining	343	291	-52	-15.16%
814000	Private Households	264	224	-40	-15.15%
339000	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	197	171	-26	-13.20%

Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings- Exits	Annual Openings- Transfers	Annual Openings- Change	Annual Openings- Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	119,242	121,491	2,249	1.89%	5,782	7,444	1,124	14,350
11-0000	Management Occupations	11,041	11,259	218	1.97%	495	340	109	944
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	3,025	3,061	36	1.19%	90	176	18	284
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	1,162	1,168	6	0.52%	21	55	3	79
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	869	847	-22	-2.53%	22	40	-11	51
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	460	473	13	2.83%	12	30	6	48
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	2,029	2,117	88	4.34%	90	134	44	268
23-0000	Legal Occupations	493	500	7	1.42%	11	16	4	31
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	5,600	5,799	199	3.55%	231	230	100	561
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	923	943	20	2.17%	38	46	10	94
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	6,697	6,937	240	3.58%	189	176	120	485
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	3,304	3,473	169	5.12%	197	180	84	461
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	1,573	1,613	40	2.54%	63	79	20	162
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	9,240	9,591	351	3.80%	701	876	176	1,753
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	3,184	3,283	99	3.11%	198	204	50	452
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	3,350	3,446	96	2.87%	261	222	48	531
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	11,029	11,058	29	0.26%	690	872	14	1,576
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	16,138	16,155	17	0.11%	825	956	8	1,789
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1,632	1,668	36	2.21%	62	173	18	253
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	4,731	4,789	58	1.23%	167	316	29	512
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	5,048	5,224	176	3.49%	180	298	88	566
51-0000	Production Occupations	16,011	16,028	17	0.11%	692	1,196	8	1,896
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	11,703	12,059	356	3.04%	546	830	178	1,554

Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4,004	4,176	172	4.30%	174	257	86	517
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,911	3,058	147	5.05%	264	276	74	614
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	2,523	2,665	142	5.63%	139	247	71	457
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	6,301	6,426	125	1.98%	372	94	62	528
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,751	1,844	93	5.31%	109	91	46	246
29-1141	Registered Nurses	2,266	2,344	78	3.44%	66	50	39	155
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,806	2,868	62	2.21%	140	242	31	413
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,220	1,278	58	4.75%	100	75	29	204
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,539	1,592	53	3.44%	116	178	26	320
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,185	1,233	48	4.05%	42	42	24	108

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Employment of 25)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-6063	Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	64	75	11	17.19%	4	5	6	15
49-9052	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	51	56	5	9.80%	2	4	2	8
49-2022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	122	133	11	9.02%	4	9	6	19
51-9032	Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	280	305	25	8.93%	10	22	12	44
51-9041	Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	129	139	10	7.75%	5	11	5	21
49-2094	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	161	172	11	6.83%	4	10	6	20
31-1011	Home Health Aides	707	754	47	6.65%	44	37	24	105
27-2022	Coaches and Scouts	91	97	6	6.59%	5	7	3	15
49-3021	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	139	148	9	6.47%	5	8	4	17
51-7042	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	147	156	9	6.12%	6	10	4	20

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	6,301	6,426	125	1.98%	372	94	62	528
41-2011	Cashiers	3,362	3,347	-15	-0.45%	315	308	-8	615
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,911	3,058	147	5.05%	264	276	74	614
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	3,334	3,330	-4	-0.12%	211	264	-2	473
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4,004	4,176	172	4.30%	174	257	86	517
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,623	2,644	21	0.80%	154	150	10	314
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,806	2,868	62	2.21%	140	242	31	413
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	2,523	2,665	142	5.63%	139	247	71	457
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,539	1,592	53	3.44%	116	178	26	320
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,751	1,844	93	5.31%	109	91	46	246

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	3,362	3,347	-15	-0.45%	315	308	-8	615
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51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	2,523	2,665	142	5.63%	139	247	71	457
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,806	2,868	62	2.21%	140	242	31	413
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,539	1,592	53	3.44%	116	178	26	320
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,623	2,644	21	0.80%	154	150	10	314
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,628	1,626	-2	-0.12%	89	116	-1	204
51-2092	Team Assemblers	1,417	1,274	-143	-10.09%	58	98	-72	84

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	3,362	3,347	-15	-0.45%	315	308	-8	615
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,911	3,058	147	5.05%	264	276	74	614
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	6,301	6,426	125	1.98%	372	94	62	528
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Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-2092	Team Assemblers	1,417	1,274	-143	-10.09%	58	98	-72	84
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	330	296	-34	-10.30%	16	20	-17	19
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	443	418	-25	-5.64%	12	34	-12	34
51-2041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	158	138	-20	-12.66%	5	11	-10	6
47-2031	Carpenters	564	546	-18	-3.19%	19	31	-9	41

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
47-5013	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	63	54	-9	-14.29%	2	6	-4	4
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	104	90	-14	-13.46%	4	8	-7	5
51-2041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	158	138	-20	-12.66%	5	11	-10	6
43-3061	Procurement Clerks	102	90	-12	-11.76%	4	6	-6	4
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	330	296	-34	-10.30%	16	20	-17	19

West Central Arkansas



The West Central Arkansas

Workforce Development

Area (WDA) consists of 10

counties: Clark, Conway,

Garland, Hot Spring,

Johnson, Montgomery, Perry,

Pike, Pope, and Yell; with the Hot Springs Metropolitan Statistical Area located within the WDA.

The West Central Arkansas WDA is expected to see a growth of 2,569 jobs by the first quarter of 2019. Goods-Producing industries are projected to gain 103 new jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 1,951. There is estimated to be 515 more Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers in this Area by 2019. Population between 2015 and 2017 has grown slightly with only 1,396 more residents, or 0.44 percent gain, bringing the population to 315,344. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was about 4.5 percent.

Education and Health Services is predicted to be the top growing supersector adding 758 new jobs, an increase of 2.66 percent. **Professional and Business Services** is projected to be the fastest growing supersector with a 7.97 percent increase in employment. *Administrative and Support Services* is predicted to be the top growing industry with an increase of 547 jobs between 2017 and 2019. *Chemical Manufacturing* is slated to gain 29.27 percent, making it the fastest growing industry in the Area. On the negative side of the labor market, **Financial Activities** is forecast to lose 5.02 percent or 189 jobs during the projection period. Driving this decline is *Insurance Carriers and Related Activities*, which is estimated to lose 17.26 percent, or 185 jobs. *Pipeline Transportation* is projected to lose a quarter of its workforce, making it the fastest declining industry.

The Area's employment is expected to increase by 2.04 percent during the projection period. An estimated 15,355 annual job openings are anticipated in this Area. Of these, 6,229 openings could be due to those exiting the workforce, while 7,842 could come from those changing jobs. Growth and expansion is estimated to account for 1,284 of those jobs. **Management Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group adding 389 new jobs between 2017 and 2019. Driving this growth is *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers*, which is estimated to be the top growing occupation with a gain of 267. *Nursing Assistants* could be the fastest growing occupation raising employment by 7.63 percent. On the flip side of the job market, *Insurance Sales Agents* is forecast to be the top declining occupation losing 40 jobs during the projection period, while *Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators* could lose 15.38 percent of its workforce.

West Central Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): 0.44%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 2.04%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 4.5%

West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	126,025	128,594	2,569	2.04%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	13,371	13,886	515	3.85%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	12,868	13,423	555	4.31%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	503	463	-40	-7.95%
101000	Goods Producing	24,452	24,555	103	0.42%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	4,031	4,065	34	0.84%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,527	3,582	55	1.56%
210000	Mining	504	483	-21	-4.17%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	4,452	4,560	108	2.43%
101300	MANUFACTURING	15,969	15,930	-39	-0.24%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	8,893	8,888	-5	-0.06%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	7,076	7,042	-34	-0.48%
102000	Services Providing	88,202	90,153	1,951	2.21%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	21,273	21,459	186	0.87%
420000	Wholesale Trade	1,957	1,897	-60	-3.07%
440000	Retail Trade	13,930	14,078	148	1.06%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	4,047	4,150	103	2.55%
220000	Utilities	1,339	1,334	-5	-0.37%
102200	INFORMATION	819	813	-6	-0.73%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	3,763	3,574	-189	-5.02%
520000	Finance and Insurance	2,788	2,594	-194	-6.96%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	975	980	5	0.51%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	7,839	8,464	625	7.97%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,075	2,112	37	1.78%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	467	504	37	7.92%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	5,297	5,848	551	10.40%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	28,535	29,293	758	2.66%
610000	Educational Services	12,099	12,122	23	0.19%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	16,436	17,171	735	4.47%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	13,364	13,784	420	3.14%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,104	2,179	75	3.56%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	11,260	11,605	345	3.06%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	4,921	5,013	92	1.87%
102800	GOVERNMENT	7,688	7,753	65	0.85%

West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
561000	Administrative and Support Services	4,995	5,542	547	10.95%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,679	3,999	320	8.70%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	9,796	10,109	313	3.20%
624000	Social Assistance	3,864	4,034	170	4.40%
622000	Hospitals	3,672	3,838	166	4.52%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,949	3,070	121	4.10%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	3,080	3,199	119	3.86%
445000	Food and Beverage Stores	2,080	2,187	107	5.14%
111000	Crop Production	595	700	105	17.65%
484000	Truck Transportation	1,966	2,047	81	4.12%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
325000	Chemical Manufacturing	41	53	12	29.27%
111000	Crop Production	595	700	105	17.65%
561000	Administrative and Support Services	4,995	5,542	547	10.95%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,679	3,999	320	8.70%
712000	Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institution	72	78	6	8.33%
551000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	467	504	37	7.92%
492000	Couriers and Messengers	218	232	14	6.42%
446000	Health and Personal Care Stores	1,113	1,178	65	5.84%
512000	Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries	93	98	5	5.38%
811000	Repair and Maintenance	949	999	50	5.27%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
524000	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	1,072	887	-185	-17.26%
331000	Primary Metal Manufacturing	696	622	-74	-10.63%
814000	Private Households	331	264	-67	-20.24%
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	1,465	1,405	-60	-4.10%
447000	General Merchandise Stores	1,302	1,257	-45	-3.46%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
486000	Pipeline Transportation	28	21	-7	-25.00%
814000	Private Households	331	264	-67	-20.24%
524000	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	1,072	887	-185	-17.26%
443000	Electronics and Appliance Stores	304	264	-40	-13.16%
515000	Broadcasting (except Internet)	53	47	-6	-11.32%

West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	126,025	128,594	2,569	2.04%	6,229	7,842	1,284	15,355
11-0000	Management Occupations	13,344	13,733	389	2.92%	610	403	194	1,207
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	2,896	2,924	28	0.97%	88	167	14	269
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	898	909	11	1.22%	16	43	6	65
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	772	783	11	1.42%	20	36	6	62
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	618	613	-5	-0.81%	16	40	-2	54
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	2,776	2,881	105	3.78%	122	182	52	356
23-0000	Legal Occupations	371	377	6	1.62%	10	15	3	28
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	7,310	7,374	64	0.88%	286	294	32	612
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	1,046	1,078	32	3.06%	46	58	16	120
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	6,726	6,973	247	3.67%	185	185	124	494
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	3,737	3,960	223	5.97%	225	208	112	545
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	3,037	3,135	98	3.23%	132	161	49	342
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	11,233	11,612	379	3.37%	834	1,060	190	2,084
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	4,480	4,675	195	4.35%	283	288	98	669
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	4,439	4,580	141	3.18%	339	320	70	729
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	12,457	12,579	122	0.98%	776	990	61	1,827
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	15,899	15,946	47	0.30%	820	946	24	1,790
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	2,223	2,253	30	1.35%	82	242	15	339
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	4,617	4,703	86	1.86%	164	311	43	518
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	5,625	5,752	127	2.26%	198	332	64	594
51-0000	Production Occupations	11,848	11,897	49	0.41%	498	866	24	1,388
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	9,673	9,857	184	1.90%	478	696	92	1,266

West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	7,992	8,259	267	3.34%	475	120	134	729
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,730	1,862	132	7.63%	109	91	66	266
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,733	2,862	129	4.72%	248	259	64	571
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,109	2,212	103	4.88%	140	136	52	328
29-1141	Registered Nurses	1,928	2,026	98	5.08%	56	43	49	148
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,520	2,607	87	3.45%	108	161	44	313
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,127	1,196	69	6.12%	92	70	34	196
31-1011	Home Health Aides	941	1,002	61	6.48%	59	49	30	138
33-9032	Security Guards	934	994	60	6.42%	57	68	30	155
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,042	2,095	53	2.60%	153	234	26	413

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,730	1,862	132	7.63%	109	91	66	266
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	73	78	5	6.85%	2	2	2	6
31-1011	Home Health Aides	941	1,002	61	6.48%	59	49	30	138
33-9032	Security Guards	934	994	60	6.42%	57	68	30	155
13-2021	Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	144	153	9	6.25%	5	4	4	13
51-9022	Grinding and Polishing Workers, Hand	80	85	5	6.25%	3	6	2	11
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,127	1,196	69	6.12%	92	70	34	196
39-9041	Residential Advisors	99	105	6	6.06%	7	10	3	20
37-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	268	284	16	5.97%	14	16	8	38
43-5041	Meter Readers, Utilities	87	92	5	5.75%	3	4	2	9

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	7,992	8,259	267	3.34%	475	120	134	729
41-2011	Cashiers	3,371	3,377	6	0.18%	317	309	3	629
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,733	2,862	129	4.72%	248	259	64	571
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	3,628	3,651	23	0.63%	230	289	12	531
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,042	2,095	53	2.60%	153	234	26	413
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,549	2,544	-5	-0.20%	150	146	-2	294
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,109	2,212	103	4.88%	140	136	52	328
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,149	2,123	-26	-1.21%	115	112	-13	214
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,282	2,313	31	1.36%	114	196	16	326
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,730	1,862	132	7.63%	109	91	66	266

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	3,371	3,377	6	0.18%	317	309	3	629
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35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,042	2,095	53	2.60%	153	234	26	413
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,282	2,313	31	1.36%	114	196	16	326
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,520	2,607	87	3.45%	108	161	44	313
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,549	2,544	-5	-0.20%	150	146	-2	294
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,109	2,212	103	4.88%	140	136	52	328
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	7,992	8,259	267	3.34%	475	120	134	729
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,724	1,754	30	1.74%	64	117	15	196

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	7,992	8,259	267	3.34%	475	120	134	729
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Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	340	300	-40	-11.76%	13	17	-20	10
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,149	2,123	-26	-1.21%	115	112	-13	214
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	149	128	-21	-14.09%	6	8	-10	4
13-1031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	91	77	-14	-15.38%	4	4	-7	1
51-4031	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	147	138	-9	-6.12%	5	11	-4	12

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
13-1031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	91	77	-14	-15.38%	4	4	-7	1
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	149	128	-21	-14.09%	6	8	-10	4
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	340	300	-40	-11.76%	13	17	-20	10
51-4021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	82	76	-6	-7.32%	2	6	-3	5
51-6031	Sewing Machine Operators	72	67	-5	-6.94%	4	4	-2	6

Central Arkansas



The Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) consists of six counties, all within commuting distance of the City of Little Rock WDA: Faulkner, Lonoke, Monroe, Prairie, Saline, and the portion of Pulaski County outside of Little Rock. The majority of the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area is located in this Area.

Central Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): 1.32%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 2.74%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 3.5%

The Area is expected to add 4,841 new jobs, an increase of 2.74 percent. Goods-Producing industries are projected to experience a net gain of 461 new jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 4,210 jobs. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers could increase by 170 jobs between 2017 and 2019. Population has increased by approximately 1.32 percent between 2015 and 2017, around 6,876 new residents for a total population of 526,558. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 3.5 percent.

Education and Health Services is expected to be the top growing supersector adding 1,389 jobs during the projection period. **Information** is predicted to be the fastest growing supersector, raising employment by 19.03 percent. *Food Services and Drinking Places* is estimated to be the top growing industry with an increase of 580 new jobs. *Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services* is driving growth in the **Information** supersector and is projected to be the fastest growing industry with a gain of 87.61 percent, or 191 new jobs. This industry has grown 53.52 percent since first quarter 2015. On the negative side of the labor market, the **Natural Resources and Mining** supersector is anticipated to lose 98 jobs. *Administrative and Support Services* is forecast to be the top declining industry, losing 123 jobs between 2017 and 2019. *Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation* is slated to be the fastest declining industry with a 12.12 percent drop in employment.

The Central Arkansas WDA is expected to have 22,204 annual job openings during the projection period with 8,604 being created due to employees exiting the workforce, 11,180 created due to employees changing jobs, and 2,420 due to growth and expansion. **Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group with an increase of 606 jobs. Driving this growth is *Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food* with a gain of 319 jobs, making it the top growing occupation. **Community and Social Service Occupations** is forecast to be the fastest growing major group adding 5.96 percent to its workforce. *Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners* is predicted to be the fastest growing occupation adding 10.79 percent to its workforce. *Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters* is estimated to lose 12 jobs during the projection period making it the top declining occupation in the Area, while *Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic* is slated to be the fastest declining occupation losing 6.25 percent of its workforce.

Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	176,650	181,491	4,841	2.74%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	14,462	14,632	170	1.18%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	13,629	13,863	234	1.72%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	833	769	-64	-7.68%
101000	Goods Producing	23,527	23,988	461	1.96%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	2,159	2,061	-98	-4.54%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,719	1,658	-61	-3.55%
210000	Mining	440	403	-37	-8.41%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	9,902	10,368	466	4.71%
101300	MANUFACTURING	11,466	11,559	93	0.81%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	3,851	3,818	-33	-0.86%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	7,615	7,741	126	1.65%
102000	Services Providing	138,661	142,871	4,210	3.04%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	36,858	37,336	478	1.30%
420000	Wholesale Trade	6,364	6,349	-15	-0.24%
440000	Retail Trade	23,075	23,508	433	1.88%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	6,850	6,904	54	0.79%
220000	Utilities	569	575	6	1.05%
102200	INFORMATION	1,151	1,370	219	19.03%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	6,342	6,534	192	3.03%
520000	Finance and Insurance	4,441	4,559	118	2.66%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,901	1,975	74	3.89%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	16,588	16,859	271	1.63%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7,208	7,530	322	4.47%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,355	1,400	45	3.32%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	8,025	7,929	-96	-1.20%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	35,428	36,817	1,389	3.92%
610000	Educational Services	14,034	14,503	469	3.34%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	21,394	22,314	920	4.30%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	18,075	18,741	666	3.68%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,159	1,218	59	5.09%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	16,916	17,523	607	3.59%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	9,228	10,040	812	8.80%
102800	GOVERNMENT	14,991	15,174	183	1.22%

Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Flag
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	15,734	16,314	580	3.69%	0
611000	Educational Services	14,034	14,503	469	3.34%	0
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	5,576	6,013	437	7.84%	0
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	6,216	6,602	386	6.21%	0
622000	Hospitals	5,384	5,713	329	6.11%	0
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	6,813	7,136	323	4.74%	0
541000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7,208	7,530	322	4.47%	0
452000	General Merchandise Stores	6,515	6,751	236	3.62%	0
814000	Private Households	393	628	235	59.80%	0
624000	Social Assistance	5,511	5,745	234	4.25%	0

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
518000	Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services	218	409	191	87.61%
814000	Private Households	393	628	235	59.80%
523000	Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	222	250	28	12.61%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	420	459	39	9.29%
451000	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	750	815	65	8.67%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	955	1,031	76	7.96%
442000	Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	606	654	48	7.92%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	5,576	6,013	437	7.84%
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	1,377	1,482	105	7.63%
811000	Repair and Maintenance	1,902	2,035	133	6.99%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
561000	Administrative and Support Services	7,482	7,359	-123	-1.64%
453000	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1,164	1,057	-107	-9.19%
337000	Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	882	808	-74	-8.39%
443000	Electronics and Appliance Stores	659	599	-60	-9.10%
322000	Paper Manufacturing	1,375	1,319	-56	-4.07%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
485000	Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	198	174	-24	-12.12%
453000	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1,164	1,057	-107	-9.19%
443000	Electronics and Appliance Stores	659	599	-60	-9.10%
337000	Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	882	808	-74	-8.39%
112000	Animal Production	546	507	-39	-7.14%

Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	176,650	181,491	4,841	2.74%	8,604	11,180	2,420	22,204
11-0000	Management Occupations	13,055	13,286	231	1.77%	487	510	116	1,113
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	5,080	5,220	140	2.76%	152	302	70	524
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	1,811	1,843	32	1.77%	47	84	16	147
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	1,262	1,279	17	1.35%	32	80	8	120
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	4,114	4,359	245	5.96%	185	274	122	581
23-0000	Legal Occupations	399	406	7	1.75%	10	12	4	26
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	9,671	10,029	358	3.70%	392	398	179	969
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	1,670	1,732	62	3.71%	78	96	31	205
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	9,022	9,473	451	5.00%	252	250	226	728
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	3,958	4,083	125	3.16%	228	226	62	516
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	3,877	3,928	51	1.32%	180	208	26	414
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	16,542	17,148	606	3.66%	1,236	1,562	303	3,101
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	5,488	5,706	218	3.97%	339	354	109	802
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	9,242	9,651	409	4.43%	730	632	204	1,566
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	19,176	19,440	264	1.38%	1,182	1,498	132	2,812
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	24,345	24,801	456	1.87%	1,263	1,478	228	2,969
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	9,282	9,599	317	3.42%	328	622	158	1,108
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	8,534	8,835	301	3.53%	295	524	150	969
51-0000	Production Occupations	9,807	9,844	37	0.38%	398	704	18	1,120
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	13,330	13,530	200	1.50%	640	940	100	1,680
	Other	6,985	7,299	314	4.50%	151	426	158	735

Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,484	6,803	319	4.92%	588	616	160	1,364
39-9011	Childcare Workers	3,646	3,827	181	4.96%	305	232	90	627
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,937	3,109	172	5.86%	242	182	86	510
21-2011	Clergy	1,912	2,073	161	8.42%	92	122	80	294
29-1141	Registered Nurses	2,249	2,371	122	5.42%	66	50	61	177
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,121	1,242	121	10.79%	88	66	60	214
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	2,321	2,438	117	5.04%	122	178	58	358
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	6,000	6,112	112	1.87%	384	480	56	920
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	3,153	3,229	76	2.41%	174	228	38	440
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,478	2,552	74	2.99%	186	285	37	508

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,121	1,242	121	10.79%	88	66	60	214
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	164	178	14	8.54%	8	12	7	27
21-2011	Clergy	1,912	2,073	161	8.42%	92	122	80	294
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	158	171	13	8.23%	3	4	6	13
21-2021	Directors, Religious Activities and Education	123	133	10	8.13%	6	10	5	21
29-1123	Physical Therapists	291	314	23	7.90%	6	6	12	24
27-2041	Music Directors and Composers	120	129	9	7.50%	7	4	4	15
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	180	193	13	7.22%	4	5	6	15
31-9092	Medical Assistants	474	508	34	7.17%	22	30	17	69
25-1042	Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	81	86	5	6.17%	3	3	2	8
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists	227	241	14	6.17%	6	6	7	19

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,484	6,803	319	4.92%	588	616	160	1,364
41-2011	Cashiers	5,283	5,324	41	0.78%	498	486	20	1,004
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	6,000	6,112	112	1.87%	384	480	56	920
39-9011	Childcare Workers	3,646	3,827	181	4.96%	305	232	90	627
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4,655	4,659	4	0.09%	272	69	2	343
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,937	3,109	172	5.86%	242	182	86	510
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	3,446	3,474	28	0.81%	203	198	14	415
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,478	2,552	74	2.99%	186	285	37	508
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,642	2,711	69	2.61%	174	168	34	376
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	3,153	3,229	76	2.41%	174	228	38	440

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,484	6,803	319	4.92%	588	616	160	1,364
41-2011	Cashiers	5,283	5,324	41	0.78%	498	486	20	1,004
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	6,000	6,112	112	1.87%	384	480	56	920
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,478	2,552	74	2.99%	186	285	37	508
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	3,249	3,312	63	1.94%	162	280	32	474
39-9011	Childcare Workers	3,646	3,827	181	4.96%	305	232	90	627
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	3,153	3,229	76	2.41%	174	228	38	440
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,440	3,490	50	1.45%	147	218	25	390
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	3,446	3,474	28	0.81%	203	198	14	415
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,937	3,109	172	5.86%	242	182	86	510

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

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39-9011	Childcare Workers	3,646	3,827	181	4.96%	305	232	90	627
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43-9061	Office Clerks, General	3,446	3,474	28	0.81%	203	198	14	415
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,440	3,490	50	1.45%	147	218	25	390

Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-7011	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	224	212	-12	-5.36%	10	12	-6	16
51-2092	Team Assemblers	957	947	-10	-1.04%	40	69	-5	104
51-4021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	128	120	-8	-6.25%	3	10	-4	9
51-9196	Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	340	334	-6	-1.76%	12	22	-3	31
43-3071	Tellers	1,201	1,196	-5	-0.42%	62	77	-2	137
51-6011	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	234	229	-5	-2.14%	16	16	-2	30

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 3)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-4021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	128	120	-8	-6.25%	3	10	-4	9
51-7011	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	224	212	-12	-5.36%	10	12	-6	16
27-1023	Floral Designers	58	55	-3	-5.17%	2	3	-2	3
51-6031	Sewing Machine Operators	91	88	-3	-3.30%	5	4	-2	7
11-3121	Human Resources Managers	98	95	-3	-3.06%	2	5	-2	5

City of Little Rock



The City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area (WDA) is a center for government operations, serving as the county seat of Pulaski County as well as the state's capital. The WDA is recognized as part of the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The City of Little Rock WDA is expected to grow by 4,039 jobs between 2017 and 2019, or an increase of 2.04 percent. Goods-Producing industries are projected to experience a net gain of 500 jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 3,286. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is expected to experience a gain of 253 jobs. From 2015 to 2017, slight population growth has been seen with a gain of 0.38 percent, or about 742 new residents bringing total population to 198,606. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 3.5 percent.

Financial Activities is estimated to be the top growing supersector in the City of Little Rock WDA adding an anticipated 1,253 new jobs, an increase of 7.79 percent. *Insurance Carriers and Related Activities* is predicted to be the top growing industry adding 1,078 new jobs to its workforce. **Construction** is predicted to be the fastest growing supersector raising employment by 8.64 percent. Driving this growth is *Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction* with a 15.28 percent gain, making it the fastest growing industry. The **Information** supersector could lose 222 jobs between 2017 and 2019. Driving the decline is *Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services*, which is slated to lose at least 57.30 percent of its workforce due in part to business relocations, making it the fastest declining industry in the Area. *Private Households* is forecast to be the top declining industry losing 189 jobs, or 21.80 percent of its workforce.

Area employers are expected to have 22,562 annual openings during the projection period. Of these, 8,810 would be created due to employees leaving the workforce, while 11,732 would be created due to employees changing jobs. Another 2,020 would be related to growth and expansion. **Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations** is predicted to be the top growing major group adding 584 new jobs to its workforce. **Construction and Extraction Occupations** is estimated to be the fastest growing major group with a 5.11 percent gain in employment. *Insurance Sales Agents* is slated to be the top growing occupation with an anticipated gain of 307 new jobs, while *Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders* could be the fastest growing occupation raising employment by 13.73 percent. *Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners* is expected to fall in employment dropping by 43 jobs, making it the top declining industry, while *Office Machine Operators, Except Computer* could see a 22.45 percent reduction in its workforce making it the fastest declining occupation.

City of Little Rock Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): 0.38%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 2.04%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 3.5%

City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	198,330	202,369	4,039	2.04%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	12,063	12,316	253	2.10%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	11,747	12,024	277	2.36%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	316	292	-24	-7.59%
101000	Goods Producing	12,865	13,365	500	3.89%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	451	485	34	7.54%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	4,687	5,092	405	8.64%
101300	MANUFACTURING	7,727	7,788	61	0.79%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	3,084	3,154	70	2.27%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	4,643	4,634	-9	-0.19%
102000	Services Providing	173,402	176,688	3,286	1.90%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	29,165	29,383	218	0.75%
420000	Wholesale Trade	6,993	7,032	39	0.56%
440000	Retail Trade	15,524	15,474	-50	-0.32%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	5,126	5,385	259	5.05%
220000	Utilities	1,522	1,492	-30	-1.97%
102200	INFORMATION	5,014	4,792	-222	-4.43%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	16,077	17,330	1,253	7.79%
520000	Finance and Insurance	13,473	14,653	1,180	8.76%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,604	2,677	73	2.80%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	24,790	25,287	497	2.00%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10,114	10,188	74	0.73%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	4,137	4,278	141	3.41%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	10,539	10,821	282	2.68%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	51,528	52,673	1,145	2.22%
610000	Educational Services	11,608	11,515	-93	-0.80%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	39,920	41,158	1,238	3.10%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	15,079	15,510	431	2.86%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,519	1,569	50	3.29%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	13,560	13,941	381	2.81%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	9,254	9,156	-98	-1.06%
102800	GOVERNMENT	22,495	22,557	62	0.28%

City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
524000	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	8,905	9,983	1,078	12.11%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	9,846	10,387	541	5.49%
622000	Hospitals	22,420	22,862	442	1.97%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	11,745	12,105	360	3.07%
561000	Administrative and Support Services	10,254	10,541	287	2.80%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,354	2,511	157	6.67%
551000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	4,137	4,278	141	3.41%
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	890	1,026	136	15.28%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2,914	3,045	131	4.50%
624000	Social Assistance	4,740	4,864	124	2.62%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	890	1,026	136	15.28%
524000	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	8,905	9,983	1,078	12.11%
485000	Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	536	582	46	8.58%
236000	Construction of Buildings	1,443	1,555	112	7.76%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,354	2,511	157	6.67%
425000	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	928	988	60	6.47%
481000	Air Transportation	260	276	16	6.15%
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	477	506	29	6.08%
446000	Health and Personal Care Stores	1,280	1,355	75	5.86%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	9,846	10,387	541	5.49%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
814000	Private Households	867	678	-189	-21.80%
517000	Telecommunications	2,663	2,512	-151	-5.67%
518000	Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services	185	79	-106	-57.30%
453000	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1,097	1,000	-97	-8.84%
445000	Food and Beverage Stores	1,994	1,898	-96	-4.81%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
518000	Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services	185	79	-106	-57.30%
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	27	18	-9	-33.33%
814000	Private Households	867	678	-189	-21.80%
453000	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1,097	1,000	-97	-8.84%
451000	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	725	661	-64	-8.83%

City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	198,330	202,369	4,039	2.04%	8,810	11,732	2,020	22,562
11-0000	Management Occupations	14,112	14,409	297	2.10%	372	716	148	1,236
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	12,879	13,169	290	2.25%	376	742	145	1,263
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	5,833	5,925	92	1.58%	104	280	46	430
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2,540	2,576	36	1.42%	62	118	18	198
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	4,938	5,045	107	2.17%	213	321	54	588
23-0000	Legal Occupations	2,678	2,709	31	1.16%	68	92	16	176
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	8,988	9,023	35	0.39%	364	362	18	744
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	3,129	3,174	45	1.44%	131	168	22	321
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	20,030	20,614	584	2.92%	544	514	292	1,350
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	6,109	6,358	249	4.08%	348	350	124	822
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	4,606	4,674	68	1.48%	216	253	34	503
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	13,177	13,521	344	2.61%	960	1,256	172	2,388
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	6,882	6,947	65	0.94%	422	433	32	887
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	6,471	6,563	92	1.42%	500	450	46	996
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	20,542	20,932	390	1.90%	1,125	1,494	195	2,814
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	32,716	33,269	553	1.69%	1,672	1,974	276	3,922
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	5,503	5,784	281	5.11%	197	372	140	709
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	7,022	7,141	119	1.69%	242	426	60	728
51-0000	Production Occupations	7,093	7,132	39	0.55%	294	502	20	816
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	11,049	11,352	303	2.74%	540	766	152	1,458
	Other	2,033	2,052	19	0.93%	60	147	9	216

City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	2,825	3,132	307	10.87%	121	160	154	435
29-1141	Registered Nurses	7,224	7,445	221	3.06%	210	160	110	480
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	4,977	5,173	196	3.94%	260	380	98	738
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	1,246	1,402	156	12.52%	56	74	78	208
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,703	2,817	114	4.22%	117	174	57	348
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,527	2,625	98	3.88%	228	238	49	515
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,435	2,525	90	3.70%	198	149	45	392
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	3,341	3,430	89	2.66%	70	202	44	316
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	3,173	3,255	82	2.58%	238	364	41	643
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	2,587	2,662	75	2.90%	160	132	38	330

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
51-9011	Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	51	58	7	13.73%	2	4	4	10
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	1,246	1,402	156	12.52%	56	74	78	208
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	2,825	3,132	307	10.87%	121	160	154	435
47-2051	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	92	102	10	10.87%	4	6	5	15
13-2053	Insurance Underwriters	297	325	28	9.43%	8	16	14	38
47-2073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	281	305	24	8.54%	11	20	12	43
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	107	116	9	8.41%	6	8	4	18
29-1071	Physician Assistants	144	156	12	8.33%	2	6	6	14
27-3042	Technical Writers	76	82	6	7.89%	2	4	3	9
47-2071	Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	145	156	11	7.59%	5	10	6	21

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	5,266	5,250	-16	-0.30%	333	418	-8	743
41-2011	Cashiers	3,435	3,396	-39	-1.14%	320	313	-20	613
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	4,977	5,173	196	3.94%	260	380	98	738
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	4,186	4,226	40	0.96%	247	240	20	507
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	3,173	3,255	82	2.58%	238	364	41	643
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,527	2,625	98	3.88%	228	238	49	515
29-1141	Registered Nurses	7,224	7,445	221	3.06%	210	160	110	480
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,435	2,525	90	3.70%	198	149	45	392
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,814	2,875	61	2.17%	185	179	30	394
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	3,005	2,994	-11	-0.37%	162	157	-6	313

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	5,266	5,250	-16	-0.30%	333	418	-8	743
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43-9061	Office Clerks, General	4,186	4,226	40	0.96%	247	240	20	507
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,527	2,625	98	3.88%	228	238	49	515
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,653	2,724	71	2.68%	133	230	36	399
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	3,341	3,430	89	2.66%	70	202	44	316
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	3,191	3,235	44	1.38%	124	186	22	332
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,814	2,875	61	2.17%	185	179	30	394

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	5,266	5,250	-16	-0.30%	333	418	-8	743
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43-9061	Office Clerks, General	4,186	4,226	40	0.96%	247	240	20	507
29-1141	Registered Nurses	7,224	7,445	221	3.06%	210	160	110	480
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	2,825	3,132	307	10.87%	121	160	154	435
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,653	2,724	71	2.68%	133	230	36	399
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,814	2,875	61	2.17%	185	179	30	394

Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,957	1,914	-43	-2.20%	144	108	-22	230
39-9011	Childcare Workers	1,623	1,583	-40	-2.46%	131	100	-20	211
41-2011	Cashiers	3,435	3,396	-39	-1.14%	320	313	-20	613
49-2022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	1,002	964	-38	-3.79%	32	70	-19	83
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	922	895	-27	-2.93%	49	48	-14	83

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 3)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
43-9071	Office Machine Operators, Except Computer	49	38	-11	-22.45%	2	3	-6	0
43-2011	Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	199	190	-9	-4.52%	12	13	-4	21
43-6012	Legal Secretaries	309	296	-13	-4.21%	16	16	-6	26
49-2022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	1,002	964	-38	-3.79%	32	70	-19	83
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	309	298	-11	-3.56%	16	20	-6	30

Eastern Arkansas



The Eastern Arkansas WDA consists of five counties: Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Phillips, and St. Francis. With Tennessee bordering this Area to the east, Crittenden County makes up a portion of the Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area, the forty-first largest in population in the United States according to the Census Bureau.

The Eastern Arkansas WDA is expected to experience a net decline of 124 jobs between 2017 and 2019. Goods-Producing industries are projected to experience a net decline of 73 jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 83. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers are predicted to lose 134 jobs during the projection period. From 2015 to 2017, population has declined by 2.35 percent, losing 2,866 residents for a total population of 119,291. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 5.1 percent

Leisure and Hospitality is anticipated to be the top growing supersector with a gain of 145 jobs. Driving this growth is *Food Services and Drinking Places*, which is projected to be the top growing industry increasing employment by 113 jobs. **Construction** is estimated to be the fastest growing supersector adding 7.51 percent to its workforce. *Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing* is estimated to grow by 10.68 percent making it the fastest growing industry. On the negative side of the labor market, **Natural Resources and Mining** is predicted to be the top and fastest declining supersector with a loss of 154 jobs, or 9.28 percent of its workforce. As population declines, so does school enrollment, which could be a contributing factor in *Educational Services* being the top declining industry. The industry is projected to lose 114 jobs during the projection period. *Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores* is slated to cut more than a quarter of its workforce from 2017 and 2019.

The Eastern Arkansas WDA is expected to have 4,579 annual job openings during the projection period with 2,090 being created due to employees leaving the workforce and 2,551 due to those changing jobs. Job opportunities could be reduced due to the loss of jobs in the amount of 62 per year. **Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group with a net gain of 101 jobs between 2017 and 2019, while **Architecture and Engineering Occupations** could be the fastest growing major group with a gain of 4.38 percent anticipated. *Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food* is predicted to be the top growing occupation with 59 new jobs. At 8.60 percent, *Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment* is set to be the fastest growing occupation in the Area. On the flip side of the economy, the **Management Occupations** major group is estimated to lose the most jobs with 105 being cut. Driving this decline is *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers* with a loss of 116. *Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals* is projected to be the fastest declining occupation, losing 39.60 percent of its workforce.

Eastern Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): -2.35%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): -0.30%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 5.1%

Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	41,622	41,498	-124	-0.30%
000671	<i>Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs</i>	4,071	3,937	-134	-3.29%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	3,879	3,762	-117	-3.02%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	192	175	-17	-8.85%
101000	Goods Producing	6,031	5,958	-73	-1.21%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	1,660	1,506	-154	-9.28%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,658	1,504	-154	-9.29%
210000	Mining	2	2	0	0.00%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	812	873	61	7.51%
101300	MANUFACTURING	3,559	3,579	20	0.56%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	1,922	1,865	-57	-2.97%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	1,637	1,714	77	4.70%
102000	Services Providing	31,520	31,603	83	0.26%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	9,066	8,993	-73	-0.81%
420000	Wholesale Trade	2,050	2,086	36	1.76%
440000	Retail Trade	4,688	4,655	-33	-0.70%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	2,126	2,051	-75	-3.53%
220000	Utilities	202	201	-1	-0.50%
102200	INFORMATION	186	181	-5	-2.69%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	1,257	1,244	-13	-1.03%
520000	Finance and Insurance	715	692	-23	-3.22%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	542	552	10	1.85%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1,696	1,664	-32	-1.89%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	519	512	-7	-1.35%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	167	156	-11	-6.59%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,010	996	-14	-1.39%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	10,284	10,249	-35	-0.34%
610000	Educational Services	4,346	4,232	-114	-2.62%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,938	6,017	79	1.33%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	3,587	3,732	145	4.04%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	670	691	21	3.13%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	2,917	3,041	124	4.25%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	1,384	1,448	64	4.62%
102800	GOVERNMENT	4,060	4,092	32	0.79%

Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	2,485	2,598	113	4.55%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	1,948	2,037	89	4.57%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	508	549	41	8.07%
811000	Repair and Maintenance	479	519	40	8.35%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	620	660	40	6.45%
999300	Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals	1,887	1,926	39	2.07%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	1,318	1,353	35	2.66%
423000	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	892	922	30	3.36%
326000	Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	206	228	22	10.68%
493000	Warehousing and Storage	741	762	21	2.83%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Growth of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
326000	Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	206	228	22	10.68%
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	168	183	15	8.93%
811000	Repair and Maintenance	479	519	40	8.35%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	508	549	41	8.07%
312000	Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	153	163	10	6.54%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	620	660	40	6.45%
446000	Health and Personal Care Stores	268	284	16	5.97%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	1,948	2,037	89	4.57%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	2,485	2,598	113	4.55%
236000	Construction of Buildings	136	141	5	3.68%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
611000	Educational Services	4,346	4,232	-114	-2.62%
484000	Truck Transportation	792	706	-86	-10.86%
311000	Food Manufacturing	639	570	-69	-10.80%
622000	Hospitals	542	481	-61	-11.25%
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	311	277	-34	-10.93%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
442000	Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	36	26	-10	-27.78%
562000	Waste Management and Remediation Service	51	39	-12	-23.53%
622000	Hospitals	542	481	-61	-11.25%
115000	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	311	277	-34	-10.93%
484000	Truck Transportation	792	706	-86	-10.86%

Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	41,622	41,498	-124	-0.30%	2,090	2,551	-62	4,579
11-0000	Management Occupations	4,269	4,164	-105	-2.46%	190	123	-52	261
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	717	717	0	0.00%	20	42	0	62
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	107	109	2	1.87%	2	5	1	8
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	160	167	7	4.38%	2	7	4	13
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	258	259	1	0.39%	6	14	0	20
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	1,013	1,041	28	2.76%	42	66	14	122
23-0000	Legal Occupations	184	184	0	0.00%	4	6	0	10
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	2,972	2,908	-64	-2.15%	113	116	-32	197
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	207	207	0	0.00%	9	12	0	21
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	1,582	1,593	11	0.70%	42	43	6	91
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	1,479	1,520	41	2.77%	87	82	20	189
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	1,424	1,424	0	0.00%	58	69	0	127
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	3,211	3,312	101	3.15%	240	296	50	586
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	1,320	1,321	1	0.08%	84	81	0	165
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	2,433	2,454	21	0.86%	185	160	10	355
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	4,078	4,057	-21	-0.51%	276	330	-10	596
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	5,815	5,760	-55	-0.95%	294	343	-28	609
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1,021	931	-90	-8.81%	45	110	-45	110
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	1,129	1,165	36	3.19%	42	76	18	136
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	1,673	1,712	39	2.33%	58	100	20	178
51-0000	Production Occupations	2,844	2,835	-9	-0.32%	112	208	-4	316
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	3,726	3,658	-68	-1.83%	178	262	-34	406

Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,381	1,440	59	4.27%	125	130	30	285
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,143	1,175	32	2.80%	92	70	16	178
51-2092	Team Assemblers	463	494	31	6.70%	20	34	16	70
21-2011	Clergy	245	264	19	7.76%	12	16	10	38
51-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	373	389	16	4.29%	12	24	8	44
31-1011	Home Health Aides	370	385	15	4.05%	23	19	8	50
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	721	736	15	2.08%	44	37	8	89
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	200	214	14	7.00%	7	10	7	24
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	306	318	12	3.92%	10	21	6	37
51-4041	Machinists	169	180	11	6.51%	6	12	6	24

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
53-7061	Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	93	101	8	8.60%	5	8	4	17
21-2011	Clergy	245	264	19	7.76%	12	16	10	38
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	200	214	14	7.00%	7	10	7	24
51-2092	Team Assemblers	463	494	31	6.70%	20	34	16	70
51-4072	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	106	113	7	6.60%	4	8	4	16
51-4041	Machinists	169	180	11	6.51%	6	12	6	24
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	109	116	7	6.42%	4	5	4	13
31-9092	Medical Assistants	131	138	7	5.34%	6	8	4	18
47-2073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	117	123	6	5.13%	4	8	3	15
47-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	102	107	5	4.90%	4	6	2	12

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	1,800	1,765	-35	-1.94%	168	164	-18	314
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	2,596	2,480	-116	-4.47%	148	38	-58	128
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,381	1,440	59	4.27%	125	130	30	285
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,143	1,175	32	2.80%	92	70	16	178
39-9011	Childcare Workers	643	632	-11	-1.71%	52	40	-6	86
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	822	818	-4	-0.49%	52	65	-2	115
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	863	846	-17	-1.97%	50	49	-8	91
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,120	1,071	-49	-4.38%	46	69	-24	91
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	721	736	15	2.08%	44	37	8	89
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	886	890	4	0.45%	44	76	2	122

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	1,800	1,765	-35	-1.94%	168	164	-18	314
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,381	1,440	59	4.27%	125	130	30	285
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	886	890	4	0.45%	44	76	2	122
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,143	1,175	32	2.80%	92	70	16	178
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,120	1,071	-49	-4.38%	46	69	-24	91
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	822	818	-4	-0.49%	52	65	-2	115
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	863	846	-17	-1.97%	50	49	-8	91
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	622	619	-3	-0.48%	34	44	-2	76
39-9011	Childcare Workers	643	632	-11	-1.71%	52	40	-6	86
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	2,596	2,480	-116	-4.47%	148	38	-58	128
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	556	556	0	0.00%	20	38	0	58

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	1,800	1,765	-35	-1.94%	168	164	-18	314
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,381	1,440	59	4.27%	125	130	30	285
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,143	1,175	32	2.80%	92	70	16	178
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53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,120	1,071	-49	-4.38%	46	69	-24	91
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	721	736	15	2.08%	44	37	8	89
39-9011	Childcare Workers	643	632	-11	-1.71%	52	40	-6	86

Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	2,596	2,480	-116	-4.47%	148	38	-58	128
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	149	90	-59	-39.60%	14	15	-30	0
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,120	1,071	-49	-4.38%	46	69	-24	91
41-2011	Cashiers	1,800	1,765	-35	-1.94%	168	164	-18	314
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	652	629	-23	-3.53%	34	34	-12	56

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	149	90	-59	-39.60%	14	15	-30	0
43-5032	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	58	53	-5	-8.62%	2	3	-2	3
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	122	115	-7	-5.74%	4	7	-4	7
53-7081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	99	94	-5	-5.05%	4	7	-2	9
43-3071	Tellers	241	229	-12	-4.98%	12	15	-6	21

Southwest Arkansas



The Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) is the largest Workforce Area in the state in terms of the number of counties represented. Twelve

counties are located within this region: Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, and Union. Three states border the Area: Oklahoma to the west, Texas to the southwest, and Louisiana to the south. Miller County is part of the Texarkana AR/TX Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Employment in the Southwest Arkansas WDA is projected to decrease by 234 jobs, a 0.26 percent decline rate over the 2017-2019 projection period. Goods-Producing industries are predicted to experience a net loss of 558 jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are estimated to experience a net growth of 457 jobs. The Area is expected to lose 133 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers. Population in the Area has declined 0.99 percent from 2015 to 2017 with a loss of 2,232 residents, bringing the population to 223,570. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 4.7 percent.

Education and Health Services is estimated to be the top growing supersector with 306 new jobs, while **Professional and Business Services** is forecast to be the fastest growing supersector with a growth rate of 3.63 percent. *Food Services and Drinking Places* is estimated to be the top growing industry in Southwest Arkansas adding 191 jobs during the projection period. *Support Activities for Transportation* is slated to be the fastest growing industry with an anticipated increase of 37.71 percent. On the negative side of the economy, **Manufacturing** is estimated to lose the most jobs with 320 net jobs being lost, while **Natural Resources and Mining** could cut 6.14 percent of its workforce, or 198 jobs. Driving the decline in the Area is *Transportation Equipment Manufacturing*, which is projected to lose almost 75 percent of its workforce, or 256 jobs, making it the top and fastest declining industry.

Between 2017 and 2019, Southwest Arkansas WDA employers are estimated to have 9,756 job openings annually. The Area is forecast to have 4,314 annual openings due to employees leaving the workforce and 5,559 due to those changing jobs. Job openings could be reduced by the loss of 117 annually. **Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations** is projected to be the top and fastest growing major group adding 192 new jobs, an increase of 3.35 percent. Driving this growth is *Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food*, which is predicted to add 96 to the labor market between 2017 and 2019. *Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance* is predicted to be the fastest growing occupation, increasing employment by 7.35 percent. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers* is slated to be the top declining occupation with a loss of 119 jobs, but *Roustabouts, Oil and Gas* is expected to be the fastest declining occupation with a 15.84 percent drop in its workforce.

Southwest Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): -0.99%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): -0.26%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 4.7%

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	90,986	90,752	-234	-0.26%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	9,754	9,621	-133	-1.36%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	9,397	9,294	-103	-1.10%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	357	327	-30	-8.40%
101000	Goods Producing	25,531	24,973	-558	-2.19%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	3,224	3,026	-198	-6.14%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,497	2,377	-120	-4.81%
210000	Mining	727	649	-78	-10.73%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	3,306	3,266	-40	-1.21%
101300	MANUFACTURING	19,001	18,681	-320	-1.68%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	10,615	10,560	-55	-0.52%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	8,386	8,121	-265	-3.16%
102000	Services Providing	55,701	56,158	457	0.82%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	14,805	14,707	-98	-0.66%
420000	Wholesale Trade	1,816	1,761	-55	-3.03%
440000	Retail Trade	8,710	8,541	-169	-1.94%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	3,743	3,868	125	3.34%
220000	Utilities	536	537	1	0.19%
102200	INFORMATION	505	519	14	2.77%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,506	2,474	-32	-1.28%
520000	Finance and Insurance	1,797	1,761	-36	-2.00%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	709	713	4	0.56%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	4,350	4,508	158	3.63%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,105	1,125	20	1.81%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,102	1,158	56	5.08%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,143	2,225	82	3.83%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	18,448	18,754	306	1.66%
610000	Educational Services	8,340	8,421	81	0.97%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	10,108	10,333	225	2.23%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,552	5,737	185	3.33%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	305	290	-15	-4.92%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	5,247	5,447	200	3.81%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	3,597	3,427	-170	-4.73%
102800	GOVERNMENT	5,938	6,032	94	1.58%

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	4,622	4,813	191	4.13%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	2,895	3,014	119	4.11%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,216	3,307	91	2.83%
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	236	325	89	37.71%
311000	Food Manufacturing	4,493	4,578	85	1.89%
321000	Wood Product Manufacturing	2,481	2,562	81	3.26%
611000	Educational Services	8,340	8,421	81	0.97%
332000	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	3,096	3,168	72	2.33%
999300	Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals	3,419	3,489	70	2.05%
562000	Waste Management and Remediation Service	567	633	66	11.64%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	236	325	89	37.71%
562000	Waste Management and Remediation Service	567	633	66	11.64%
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	422	463	41	9.72%
511000	Publishing Industries (except Internet)	230	252	22	9.57%
492000	Couriers and Messengers	280	299	19	6.79%
551000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,102	1,158	56	5.08%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	4,622	4,813	191	4.13%
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	2,895	3,014	119	4.11%
321000	Wood Product Manufacturing	2,481	2,562	81	3.26%
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,216	3,307	91	2.83%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	343	87	-256	-74.64%
322000	Paper Manufacturing	1,246	1,160	-86	-6.90%
813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	2,157	2,075	-82	-3.80%
213000	Support Activities for Mining	433	369	-64	-14.78%
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,199	2,135	-64	-2.91%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	343	87	-256	-74.64%
331000	Primary Metal Manufacturing	227	167	-60	-26.43%
213000	Support Activities for Mining	433	369	-64	-14.78%
814000	Private Households	353	302	-51	-14.45%
334000	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	95	82	-13	-13.68%

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	90,986	90,752	-234	-0.26%	4,314	5,559	-117	9,756
11-0000	Management Occupations	9,694	9,589	-105	-1.08%	437	281	-52	666
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1,979	1,981	2	0.10%	60	112	1	173
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	432	437	5	1.16%	8	21	2	31
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	1,142	1,124	-18	-1.58%	29	54	-9	74
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	497	499	2	0.40%	14	32	1	47
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	1,666	1,661	-5	-0.30%	72	107	-2	177
23-0000	Legal Occupations	308	316	8	2.60%	8	10	4	22
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	5,597	5,656	59	1.05%	221	226	30	477
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	596	594	-2	-0.34%	26	31	-1	56
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	4,012	4,066	54	1.35%	116	110	27	253
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	2,326	2,390	64	2.75%	139	125	32	296
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	1,322	1,343	21	1.59%	54	62	10	126
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	5,729	5,921	192	3.35%	430	542	96	1,068
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	2,641	2,633	-8	-0.30%	163	166	-4	325
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	2,764	2,781	17	0.62%	212	182	8	402
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	7,241	7,092	-149	-2.06%	464	570	-74	960
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	11,719	11,618	-101	-0.86%	594	686	-50	1,230
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1,768	1,696	-72	-4.07%	64	185	-36	213
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	4,809	4,761	-48	-1.00%	166	320	-24	462
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	4,396	4,379	-17	-0.39%	153	254	-8	399
51-0000	Production Occupations	11,425	11,151	-274	-2.40%	455	850	-137	1,168
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	8,923	9,064	141	1.58%	430	632	70	1,132

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,225	2,321	96	4.31%	202	210	48	460
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,013	2,069	56	2.78%	101	174	28	303
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,209	1,256	47	3.89%	98	74	24	196
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,265	3,301	36	1.10%	139	206	18	363
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,024	1,057	33	3.22%	77	118	16	211
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,384	1,414	30	2.17%	85	70	15	170
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,223	1,248	25	2.04%	44	43	12	99
31-1011	Home Health Aides	444	463	19	4.28%	28	23	10	61
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	475	494	19	4.00%	28	39	10	77
51-3022	Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	729	744	15	2.06%	33	56	8	97

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 4)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
43-5032	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	68	73	5	7.35%	2	4	2	8
53-1021	First-Line Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand	89	95	6	6.74%	3	6	3	12
53-1031	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators	210	222	12	5.71%	7	15	6	28
29-1123	Physical Therapists	88	93	5	5.68%	2	2	2	6
53-7081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	142	149	7	4.93%	6	10	4	20
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,225	2,321	96	4.31%	202	210	48	460
31-1011	Home Health Aides	444	463	19	4.28%	28	23	10	61
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	475	494	19	4.00%	28	39	10	77
11-9051	Food Service Managers	126	131	5	3.97%	4	10	2	16
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,209	1,256	47	3.89%	98	74	24	196

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,851	5,732	-119	-2.03%	338	86	-60	364
41-2011	Cashiers	2,635	2,582	-53	-2.01%	245	239	-26	458
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,225	2,321	96	4.31%	202	210	48	460
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,265	3,301	36	1.10%	139	206	18	363
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,157	2,140	-17	-0.79%	126	123	-8	241
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,854	1,806	-48	-2.59%	116	145	-24	237
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,013	2,069	56	2.78%	101	174	28	303
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,209	1,256	47	3.89%	98	74	24	196
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,384	1,414	30	2.17%	85	70	15	170
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,024	1,057	33	3.22%	77	118	16	211

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	2,635	2,582	-53	-2.01%	245	239	-26	458
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,225	2,321	96	4.31%	202	210	48	460
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,265	3,301	36	1.10%	139	206	18	363
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,013	2,069	56	2.78%	101	174	28	303
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,854	1,806	-48	-2.59%	116	145	-24	237
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,157	2,140	-17	-0.79%	126	123	-8	241
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,024	1,057	33	3.22%	77	118	16	211
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,851	5,732	-119	-2.03%	338	86	-60	364
51-2092	Team Assemblers	1,105	1,056	-49	-4.43%	46	78	-24	100
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,180	1,181	1	0.08%	77	74	0	151

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,225	2,321	96	4.31%	202	210	48	460
41-2011	Cashiers	2,635	2,582	-53	-2.01%	245	239	-26	458
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,851	5,732	-119	-2.03%	338	86	-60	364
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43-9061	Office Clerks, General	2,157	2,140	-17	-0.79%	126	123	-8	241
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35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,024	1,057	33	3.22%	77	118	16	211
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,209	1,256	47	3.89%	98	74	24	196
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,384	1,414	30	2.17%	85	70	15	170
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,180	1,181	1	0.08%	77	74	0	151

Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,851	5,732	-119	-2.03%	338	86	-60	364
41-2011	Cashiers	2,635	2,582	-53	-2.01%	245	239	-26	458
51-2092	Team Assemblers	1,105	1,056	-49	-4.43%	46	78	-24	100
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,854	1,806	-48	-2.59%	116	145	-24	237
45-2092	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	433	393	-40	-9.24%	15	47	-20	42

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	101	85	-16	-15.84%	3	8	-8	3
53-7073	Wellhead Pumpers	41	36	-5	-12.20%	2	3	-2	3
51-4072	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	202	181	-21	-10.40%	7	14	-10	11
47-5013	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	161	145	-16	-9.94%	4	14	-8	10
45-2092	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	433	393	-40	-9.24%	15	47	-20	42

Southeast Arkansas



The Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) consists of 10 counties: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln. Two states border the Southeast Arkansas WDA, Louisiana to the south and Mississippi to the east; and the Pine Bluff Metropolitan Statistical Area is located in this Area.

Southeast Arkansas Profile

Population Growth (2015-2017): -2.26%

Projected Employment Growth (2017-2019): 0.45%

Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted Avg.) (2017Q1): 5.3%

The Southeast Arkansas WDA is expected to gain only 225 new jobs between 2017 and 2019. Goods-Producing industries are projected to experience a net loss of 113 net jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to experience a gain of 420. The Area is predicted to experience a small net loss of 82 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers. Population in the Area has declined 2.26 percent from 2015 to 2017, losing 4,598 residents, bringing population totals to 199,189. The not seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2017 was 5.3 percent.

Education and Health Services is projected to be the top growing supersector with a gain of 211 new jobs between 2017 and 2019. **Professional and Business Services** is forecast to be the fastest growing supersector increasing by 5.25 percent. *Food Manufacturing* is predicted to be the top growing industry, adding 211 new jobs to its workforce, while *Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries* could raise employment by 15.96 percent. On the negative side of the local labor market, five supersectors are forecast to see a net loss of jobs. **Other Services (except Government)** is predicted to be the top and fastest declining supersector with a loss of 112 jobs, or 4.49 percent of its workforce. *Paper Manufacturing* is anticipated to lose 216 jobs becoming the top declining industry, while *Private Households* is estimated to be the fastest declining industry with a loss of 32.12 percent of its workforce.

Southeast Arkansas WDA employment is expected to increase by just 0.28 percent between 2017 and 2019, the slowest in the state among growing WDA's. There are 8,853 job openings projected to be available annually during the projection period. Of these, 3,818 would be from employees leaving the workforce, while 4,923 could be created from those changing jobs. Another 112 jobs would be connected to growth and expansion. **Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations** is projected to be the top and fastest growing major group gaining 164 jobs during the projection period, a 3.34 percent rise in employment. Driving this growth is *Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food*, which is estimated to be the top growing occupation adding 89 new jobs. At 12.50 percent, *Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists* is anticipated to be the fastest growing occupation in the Area. On the negative side of the local economy, **Production Occupations** is slated to be the top declining major group losing 115 jobs between 2017 and 2019. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers* is projected to be the top declining occupation with a loss of 75 jobs, while *Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians* is expected to lose 10.74 percent of its workforce during the projection period.

Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area

2017-2019 Industry Projections by Major Division

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
000000	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	81,485	81,710	225	0.28%
000671	Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	8,065	7,983	-82	-1.02%
006010	Self Employed Workers, All Jobs	7,745	7,692	-53	-0.68%
007010	Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	320	291	-29	9.06%
101000	Goods Producing	19,878	19,765	-113	-0.57%
101100	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING	3,607	3,551	-56	-1.55%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,552	3,491	-61	-1.72%
210000	Mining	55	60	5	9.09%
101200	CONSTRUCTION	2,055	2,080	25	1.22%
101300	MANUFACTURING	14,216	14,134	-82	-0.58%
	<i>Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	8,295	8,183	-112	-1.35%
	<i>Durable Goods Manufacturing</i>	5,921	5,951	30	0.51%
102000	Services Providing	53,542	53,962	420	0.78%
102100	TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES	12,461	12,403	-58	-0.47%
420000	Wholesale Trade	1,966	1,855	-111	-5.65%
440000	Retail Trade	7,499	7,485	-14	-0.19%
480000	Transportation and Warehousing	2,460	2,536	76	3.09%
220000	Utilities	536	527	-9	-1.68%
102200	INFORMATION	308	308	0	0.00%
102300	FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,358	2,314	-44	-1.87%
520000	Finance and Insurance	1,786	1,727	-59	-3.30%
530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	572	587	15	2.62%
102400	PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3,354	3,530	176	5.25%
540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	846	879	33	3.90%
550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	357	375	18	5.04%
560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,151	2,276	125	5.81%
102500	EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	19,404	19,615	211	1.09%
610000	Educational Services	8,210	8,185	-25	-0.30%
620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	11,194	11,430	236	2.11%
102600	LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	4,511	4,716	205	4.54%
710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	204	235	31	15.20%
720000	Accommodation and Food Services	4,307	4,481	174	4.04%
102700	OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT GOVERNMENT)	2,497	2,385	-112	-4.49%
102800	GOVERNMENT	8,649	8,691	42	0.49%

Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
311000	Food Manufacturing	3,615	3,826	211	5.84%
722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	3,915	4,080	165	4.21%
622000	Hospitals	3,089	3,238	149	4.82%
561000	Administrative and Support Services	2,050	2,166	116	5.66%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	715	797	82	11.47%
624000	Social Assistance	3,201	3,266	65	2.03%
452000	General Merchandise Stores	2,205	2,263	58	2.63%
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	409	464	55	13.45%
999300	Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals	2,769	2,822	53	1.91%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	1,396	1,446	50	3.58%

Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
713000	Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	188	218	30	15.96%
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	409	464	55	13.45%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	715	797	82	11.47%
562000	Waste Management and Remediation Service	101	110	9	8.91%
492000	Couriers and Messengers	128	136	8	6.25%
446000	Health and Personal Care Stores	556	589	33	5.94%
311000	Food Manufacturing	3,615	3,826	211	5.84%
561000	Administrative and Support Services	2,050	2,166	116	5.66%
237000	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	520	547	27	5.19%
551000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	357	375	18	5.04%

Top 5 Declining Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
322000	Paper Manufacturing	3,173	2,957	-216	-6.81%
423000	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	794	703	-91	-11.46%
814000	Private Households	193	131	-62	-32.12%
445000	Food and Beverage Stores	1,237	1,176	-61	-4.93%
236000	Construction of Buildings	421	371	-50	-11.88%

Top 5 Fastest Declining Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth)

NAICS Code	NAICS Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
814000	Private Households	193	131	-62	-32.12%
425000	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	141	118	-23	-16.31%
339000	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	74	62	-12	-16.22%
236000	Construction of Buildings	421	371	-50	-11.88%
423000	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	794	703	-91	-11.46%

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2017-2019 Occupational Projections by Major Group

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	81,485	81,710	225	0.28%	3,818	4,923	112	8,853
11-0000	Management Occupations	8,568	8,509	-59	-0.69%	385	252	-30	607
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	2,126	2,147	21	0.99%	64	123	10	197
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	487	485	-2	-0.41%	8	24	-1	31
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	581	595	14	2.41%	14	27	7	48
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	849	845	-4	-0.47%	20	54	-2	72
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	1,771	1,791	20	1.13%	75	117	10	202
23-0000	Legal Occupations	316	324	8	2.53%	7	10	4	21
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	5,108	5,110	2	0.04%	206	208	1	415
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	482	478	-4	-0.83%	21	28	-2	47
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	4,323	4,457	134	3.10%	120	122	67	309
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	2,746	2,790	44	1.60%	164	144	22	330
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	2,694	2,696	2	0.07%	98	124	1	223
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	4,915	5,079	164	3.34%	368	450	82	900
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	2,339	2,363	24	1.03%	144	151	12	307
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	2,756	2,769	13	0.47%	207	182	6	395
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	6,237	6,193	-44	-0.71%	400	496	-22	874
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	9,360	9,314	-46	-0.49%	476	542	-23	995
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	2,546	2,506	-40	-1.57%	93	271	-20	344
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	2,605	2,620	15	0.58%	92	176	8	276
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	3,878	3,883	5	0.13%	136	221	2	359
51-0000	Production Occupations	10,207	10,092	-115	-1.13%	402	741	-58	1,085
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	6,591	6,664	73	1.11%	316	462	36	814

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Occupational Rankings

Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,782	1,871	89	4.99%	162	169	44	375
29-1141	Registered Nurses	1,134	1,185	51	4.50%	33	25	26	84
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,131	1,169	38	3.36%	92	69	19	180
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,611	1,643	32	1.99%	80	139	16	235
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	818	843	25	3.06%	22	65	12	99
31-1011	Home Health Aides	795	819	24	3.02%	49	41	12	102
51-2092	Team Assemblers	1,238	1,260	22	1.78%	54	90	11	155
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	604	626	22	3.64%	22	46	11	79
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	457	478	21	4.60%	34	53	10	97
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	368	388	20	5.43%	22	30	10	62
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,128	1,148	20	1.77%	74	72	10	156

Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Net Growth of 5)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
13-1161	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	40	45	5	12.50%	1	3	2	6
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	70	76	6	8.57%	2	2	3	7
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	102	108	6	5.88%	2	3	3	8
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	215	227	12	5.58%	7	10	6	23
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	145	153	8	5.52%	5	10	4	19
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	368	388	20	5.43%	22	30	10	62
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	153	161	8	5.23%	4	10	4	18
51-9021	Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	98	103	5	5.10%	4	8	2	14
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,782	1,871	89	4.99%	162	169	44	375
29-1051	Pharmacists	174	182	8	4.60%	4	4	4	12

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Exits

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,162	5,087	-75	-1.45%	300	76	-38	338
41-2011	Cashiers	2,230	2,193	-37	-1.66%	208	202	-18	392
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,782	1,871	89	4.99%	162	169	44	375
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,564	1,574	10	0.64%	100	124	5	229
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	1,614	1,597	-17	-1.05%	94	92	-8	178
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,512	1,524	12	0.79%	92	76	6	174
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,131	1,169	38	3.36%	92	69	19	180
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,611	1,643	32	1.99%	80	139	16	235
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,128	1,148	20	1.77%	74	72	10	156
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,361	1,322	-39	-2.87%	72	70	-20	122

Top 10 Occupations by Annual Transfers

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	2,230	2,193	-37	-1.66%	208	202	-18	392
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,782	1,871	89	4.99%	162	169	44	375
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,611	1,643	32	1.99%	80	139	16	235
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,564	1,574	10	0.64%	100	124	5	229
45-2092	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	966	945	-21	-2.17%	35	109	-10	134
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,482	1,493	11	0.74%	63	94	6	163
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	1,614	1,597	-17	-1.05%	94	92	-8	178
51-2092	Team Assemblers	1,238	1,260	22	1.78%	54	90	11	155
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,162	5,087	-75	-1.45%	300	76	-38	338
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	1,512	1,524	12	0.79%	92	76	6	174

Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
41-2011	Cashiers	2,230	2,193	-37	-1.66%	208	202	-18	392
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,782	1,871	89	4.99%	162	169	44	375
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,162	5,087	-75	-1.45%	300	76	-38	338
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Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,162	5,087	-75	-1.45%	300	76	-38	338
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,361	1,322	-39	-2.87%	72	70	-20	122
41-2011	Cashiers	2,230	2,193	-37	-1.66%	208	202	-18	392
51-9196	Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	601	567	-34	-5.66%	21	38	-17	42
39-9011	Childcare Workers	723	702	-21	-2.90%	58	44	-10	92

Top 5 Fastest Declining Occupations (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Decline of 4)

SOC Code	SOC Title	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings-Exits	Annual Openings-Transfers	Annual Openings-Change	Annual Openings-Total
49-3041	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	121	108	-13	-10.74%	4	7	-6	5
51-8021	Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	130	121	-9	-6.92%	4	9	-4	9
51-9023	Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	162	151	-11	-6.79%	6	12	-6	12
51-9011	Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	192	179	-13	-6.77%	5	14	-6	13
51-6011	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	92	86	-6	-6.52%	6	6	-3	9

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