**Arkansas Employment Outlook, 2020-2030**

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Arkansas Occupations Adding the Most Jobs Requiring an Associate Degree or Postsecondary Vocational Award\*

| **Occupations** | **Projected New Jobs** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 3,056 | $49,090 |
| Nursing Assistants | 1,623 | $27,840 |
| Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education | 1,391 | $32,130 |
| Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses | 914 | $43,040 |
| Medical Assistants | 626 | $32,170 |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | 531 | $58,020 |
| Computer User Support Specialists | 362 | $45,540 |
| Respiratory Therapists | 344 | $56,140 |
| Dental Assistants | 327 | $34,930 |
| Firefighters | 276 | $36,950 |

\*Two years or fewer of academic study beyond high school.

Arkansas Highest Paying Occupations Generally Requiring A Bachelor’s Degree or Higher

| **Occupations** | **Annual Average Wage\*** |
| --- | --- |
| Emergency Medicine Physicians | $343,650 |
| Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric | $332,430 |
| Obstetricians and Gynecologists | $330,990 |
| Surgeons, All Other | $326,440 |
| Radiologists | $325,830 |
| Physicians, Pathologists | $295,160 |
| Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric | $277,880 |
| Family Medicine Physicians | $240,940 |
| Dermatologists | $236,050 |
| Psychiatrists | $222,960 |

\*Experienced workers may earn considerably more. Wages are based on 2021 data.

Arkansas Fastest Growing Occupations 2020-2030

| **Occupations** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nurse Practitioners | 54.04% | $107,080 |
| Cooks, Restaurant | 51.77% | $26,720 |
| Fundraisers | 47.60% | $60,210 |
| Occupational Therapy Assistants | 43.70% | $67,490 |
| Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers | 43.31% | $24,140 |
| Operations Research Analysts | 38.74% | $66,420 |
| Speech-Language Pathologists | 38.69% | $77,240 |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | 37.26% | $58,020 |
| Tour and Travel Guides | 36.76% | $30,590 |
| Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education | 36.44% | $32,130 |

Arkansas Occupations Adding the Most Jobs 2020-2030

| **Occupations** | **Projected New Jobs** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fast Food and Counter Workers | 6,590 | $24,290 |
| Home Health and Personal Care Aides | 6,445 | $25,030 |
| Cooks, Restaurant | 4,803 | $26,720 |
| Waiters and Waitresses | 3,626 | $23,910 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 3,056 | $49,090 |
| Stockers and Order Fillers | 2,699 | $29,560 |
| General and Operations Managers | 2,699 | $85,080 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers | 2,384 | $32,250 |
| Registered Nurses | 2,344 | $65,810 |
| Insurance Sales Agents | 2,002 | $60,640 |

Arkansas Occupations with Most Projected Annual Average Job Openings 2020-2030

| **Occupations** | **Total Annual Job Openings** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fast Food and Counter Workers | 8,699 | $24,290 |
| Retail Salespersons | 5,504 | $28,800 |
| Cashiers | 4,878 | $24,620 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 4,690 | $49,090 |
| Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 4,186 | $56,610 |
| Waiters and Waitresses | 3,993 | $23,910 |
| Home Health and Personal Care Aides | 3,674 | $25,030 |
| Stockers and Order Fillers | 3,600 | $29,560 |
| Office Clerks, General | 3,125 | $33,920 |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 3,082 | $26,690 |