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**EXPLANATION OF INDUSTRY PROJECTIONS DATA**

**LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS**

**2017-2019**

| **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**

**LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS**

**2017-2019**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Title** | **2017 Estimated Employment** | **2019 Projected Employment** | **Numeric Change** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Openings-Exits** | **Annual Openings-Transfers** | **Annual Openings-Change** | **Annual Openings-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**



**SW**

**LR**

**E**

**WC**

**W**

**C**

**SE**

**NE**

**NC**

**NW**

**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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***22,036*** | ***22,769*** | ***733*** | ***3.33%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 3,983 | 4,116 | 133 | 3.34% | 221 | 288 | 66 | **575** |

### 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 |

# NCWIANorth 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 predictedto 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 Manager*s, 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*,whichcould 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***3,663*** | ***3,849*** | ***186*** | ***5.08%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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 |
| 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 |
| 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** |
| 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** |
| 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 |

# NEWIANortheast 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***7,247*** | ***8,086*** | **839** | **11.58%** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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%** |
| *520000* | *Finance and Insurance* | *2,254* | *2,263* | 9 | 0.40% |
| *530000* | *Real Estate and Rental and Leasing* | *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%** |

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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** | **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 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,721 | 2,725 | 4 | 0.15% | 256 | **250** | 2 | 508 |
| 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 |

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### 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** |
| 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** |
| 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** |
| 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.

**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%**

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 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***11,998*** | ***12,354*** | ***356*** | ***2.97%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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 |
| 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 |
| 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** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 4,004 | 4,176 | 172 | 4.30% | 174 | 257 | 86 | **517** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,334 | 3,330 | -4 | -0.12% | 211 | 264 | -2 | **473** |
| 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** |
| 31-1014 | Nursing Assistants | 1,751 | 1,844 | 93 | 5.31% | 109 | 91 | 46 | **246** |

### 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.

**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%**

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 growingsupersector 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 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***8,893*** | ***8,888*** | ***-5*** | ***-0.06%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,628 | 3,651 | 23 | 0.63% | 230 | **289** | 12 | 531 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,733 | 2,862 | 129 | 4.72% | 248 | **259** | 64 | 571 |
| 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 |

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### 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** |
| 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** |
| 37-2011 | Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 2,109 | 2,212 | 103 | 4.88% | 140 | 136 | 52 | **328** |
| 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** |
| 31-1014 | Nursing Assistants | 1,730 | 1,862 | 132 | 7.63% | 109 | 91 | 66 | **266** |

### 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 |

# CENTWIACentral 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***3,851*** | ***3,818*** | ***-33*** | ***-0.86%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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** |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 2,937 | 3,109 | 172 | 5.86% | 242 | 182 | 86 | **510** |
| 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** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 3,153 | 3,229 | 76 | 2.41% | 174 | 228 | 38 | **440** |
| 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

**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%**

 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** **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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***3,084*** | ***3,154*** | ***70*** | ***2.27%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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 |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 4,977 | 5,173 | 196 | 3.94% | 260 | **380** | 98 | 738 |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 3,173 | 3,255 | 82 | 2.58% | 238 | **364** | 41 | 643 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,435 | 3,396 | -39 | -1.14% | 320 | **313** | -20 | 613 |
| 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** |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 4,977 | 5,173 | 196 | 3.94% | 260 | 380 | 98 | **738** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 3,173 | 3,255 | 82 | 2.58% | 238 | 364 | 41 | **643** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,435 | 3,396 | -39 | -1.14% | 320 | 313 | -20 | **613** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,527 | 2,625 | 98 | 3.88% | 228 | 238 | 49 | **515** |
| 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

**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%**

### EASTWIA 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 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 | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***1,922*** | ***1,865*** | ***-57*** | ***-2.97%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 2,596 | 2,480 | -116 | -4.47% | 148 | 38 | -58 | **128** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 886 | 890 | 4 | 0.45% | 44 | 76 | 2 | **122** |
| 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** |
| 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 |

# SWWIASouthwest 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.

**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%**

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 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***10,615*** | ***10,560*** | ***-55*** | ***-0.52%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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%** |

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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** | **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** |
| 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** |
| 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** |
| 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 isestimated 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.

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## 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%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***8,295*** | ***8,183*** | ***-112*** | ***-1.35%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***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%** |

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## 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 |

# Southeast 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 | 1,782 | 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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **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

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| **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

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| **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** |
| 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** |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,131 | 1,169 | 38 | 3.36% | 92 | 69 | 19 | **180** |
| 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** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 1,482 | 1,493 | 11 | 0.74% | 63 | 94 | 6 | **163** |
| 37-2011 | Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 1,128 | 1,148 | 20 | 1.77% | 74 | 72 | 10 | **156** |

### Top 5 Declining Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

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| **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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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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