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**EXPLANATION OF INDUSTRY PROJECTIONS DATA**

**LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS**

**2015-2017**

| **NAICS**  **Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 2015 | The projected number of jobs expected to be in an industry in 2017 | Total number of jobs an industry is expected to gain or lose over the 2015 to 2017 period | Percent change in the number of jobs in an industry over the 2015 to 2017 period |

**EXPLANATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS DATA**

**LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS**

**2015-2017**

| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacement** | **Total Annual Openings** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 2015 | The projected number of  jobs expected  to be in an occupation  in 2017 | Total number  of jobs an occupation  is expected to gain or lose over the 2015  to 2017  period | Percent change in  the number  of jobs in an occupation over the  2015 to 2017  period | Average number of annual job openings expected to  be created during the projection period due to employment growth | Average number of annual job openings expected to be available during the projection period due to the need to replace workers who leave the occupation | Average number of annual job openings expected to be available during the projection period due to employment growth and replacements |

**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 Growth –** 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 (%) Growth –** 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 Survey*. This source provides employment information for noncovered establishments, which are railroads, the Federal Work Study Program, churches, religious-based schools, church-related day cares, elected officials, commissioned insurance agents, and sheltered workshops.

*Agriculture employment*. This is obtained from the Census of Agriculture. The Census of Agriculture is taken in years ending in a two or a seven.

**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 2017. 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 net growth and percent growth 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 replacement and growth annual openings. Even if an occupation is in decline, it still may have openings to replace workers who leave the profession for various reasons.

**Total Employment Projections by Workforce Development Area**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Workforce Development Area** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings-Growth** | **Annual Openings-Replacement** | **Annual Openings-Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 288,380 | 297,917 | 9,537 | 3.31% | 5,006 | 6,757 | 11,763 |
| North Central Arkansas | 81,822 | 83,684 | 1,862 | 2.28% | 1,099 | 1,900 | 2,999 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 108,732 | 114,056 | 5,324 | 4.90% | 2,789 | 2,599 | 5,388 |
| Western Arkansas | 116,299 | 118,976 | 2,677 | 2.30% | 1,530 | 2,719 | 4,249 |
| West Central Arkansas | 122,845 | 124,920 | 2,075 | 1.69% | 1,273 | 2,934 | 4,207 |
| Central Arkansas | 172,080 | 176,423 | 4,343 | 2.52% | 2,416 | 4,132 | 6,548 |
| City of Little Rock | 185,383 | 189,398 | 4,015 | 2.17% | 2,212 | 4,196 | 6,408 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 41,676 | 42,766 | 1,090 | 2.62% | 622 | 986 | 1,608 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 90,214 | 91,516 | 1,302 | 1.44% | 837 | 2,098 | 2,935 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 79,534 | 80,376 | 842 | 1.06% | 670 | 1,845 | 2,515 |

The Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area (WDA) is projected to add the most jobs during the 2015-2017 projection period with 9,537 new jobs anticipated to be added to the job market. The Northeast Arkansas WDA is estimated to increase employment by 5,324 jobs and be the fastest growing Area in the state at 4.90 percent. All areas of the state are anticipating growth, but the Southeast Arkansas WDA is forecast to be the slowest with less than 1,000 new jobs anticipated and a percent growth of just over one percent. In terms of annual openings, the Northwest Arkansas WDA is projected to have 11,763 annual job openings, while the Central Arkansas WDA is estimated to have 6,548. The Eastern Arkansas WDA is predicted to have the fewest job openings with 1,608.

**Local Workforce Development Areas**



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**W**

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**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) has many tourist attractions. Among these are the Buffalo National River and the Prairie Grove Civil War Battlefield. Nestled in the Ozark Mountains, the Area gives visitors a chance to view Rocky Mountain Elk near Ponca, and the picturesque city of Eureka Springs offers shopping and unique architecture. The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville houses a permanent collection of signature works from American artists, along with galleries dedicated to regional art including American Indian art.

The Northwest Arkansas 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, have headquarters here, along with many trucking companies.

The University of Arkansas, the state’s largest public university, is located in Washington County in the city of Fayetteville. It offers a large variety of educational programs ranging from bachelor’s degrees to doctoral programs, leading to a variety of job and career opportunities for its graduates. John Brown University, a private four-year university, is located in Siloam Springs. Offering associate degrees and certificate programs, Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, North Arkansas College, and Northwest Arkansas Community College are two-year colleges based in this Area.

The Northwest Arkansas WDA has the largest employment base in the state and is predicted to have the largest growth, which provides job seekers with a variety of career choices among the many industries and occupations. This Area is projected to gain 9,537 jobs, an increase of 3.31 percent between 2015 and 2017. Goods-Producing industries are estimated to gain 433 jobs, while Services-Providing industries are forecasted to add 8,021 jobs. An increase of 1,083 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is anticipated between 2015 and 2017.

The **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** supersector is expected to add the most jobs increasing by 2,298, an increase of 4.06 percent. **Construction** is estimated to be the fastest growing supersector, increasing by 6.53 percent. *Management of Companies and Enterprises* is predicted to be the top growing industry in the Area with 830 new jobs anticipated. *Support Activities for Transportation* is predicted to increase by 25.46 percent, making it the fastest growing industry in the Area. Six of the ten on the Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries list are expected to grow by more than 10 percent. *Primary Metal Manufacturing* is projected to be the top and fastest declining industry with a loss of 442 jobs, or 37.30 percent of its workforce.

The Northwest Arkansas WDA is projected to have 11,763 annual job openings with 5,006 for growth and expansion and 6,757 for replacement. **Management Occupations** is predicted to be the top growing major group with 1,184 new jobs by March 2017. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers* is estimated to drive growth adding 475 new jobs, making it the top growing occupation in Northwest Arkansas. At 5.38 percent, **Construction and Extraction Occupations** would be the fastest growing major group, or 514 new jobs. *Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians*, of the **Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations** major group, is predicted to be the fastest growing occupation in the Area with a growth of 22.58 percent. *Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic* is estimated to be the top declining occupation with 79 jobs lost, while *Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders* could be the fastest declining occupation at a rate of 36.11 percent*.*  
**Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area**2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **288,380** | **297,917** | **9,537** | **3.31%** |
| 000671 | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | 29,136 | 30,219 | 1,083 | 3.72% |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 27,978 | 29,049 | 1,071 | 3.83% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 1,158 | 1,170 | 12 | 1.04% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 44,955 | 45,388 | 433 | 0.96% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **1,451** | **1,478** | **27** | **1.86%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 1,322 | 1,358 | 36 | 2.72% |
| 210000 | Mining | 129 | 120 | -9 | -6.98% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **9,246** | **9,850** | **604** | **6.53%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **34,258** | **34,060** | **-198** | **-0.58%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***20,931*** | ***21,254*** | **323** | **1.54%** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***13,327*** | ***12,806*** | **-521** | **-3.91%** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 214,289 | 222,310 | 8,021 | 3.74% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **56,546** | **58,844** | **2,298** | **4.06%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 9,328 | 9,910 | 582 | 6.24% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 29,992 | 31,057 | 1,065 | 3.55% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 16,001 | 16,599 | 598 | 3.74% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 1,225 | 1,278 | 53 | 4.33% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **2,465** | **2,397** | **-68** | **-2.76%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **8,218** | **8,457** | **239** | **2.91%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 5,776 | 5,915 | 139 | 2.41% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 2,442 | 2,542 | 100 | 4.10% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **44,091** | **46,161** | **2,070** | **4.69%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 10,983 | 11,474 | 491 | 4.47% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 22,857 | 23,687 | 830 | 3.63% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 10,251 | 11,000 | 749 | 7.31% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **56,527** | **58,482** | **1,955** | **3.46%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 27,131 | 27,864 | 733 | 2.70% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 29,396 | 30,618 | 1,222 | 4.16% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **25,943** | **26,949** | **1,006** | **3.88%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 2,268 | 2,383 | 115 | 5.07% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 23,675 | 24,566 | 891 | 3.76% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **8,619** | **8,968** | **349** | **4.05%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **11,880** | **12,052** | **172** | **1.45%** |

**Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area**   
Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 22,857 | 23,687 | **830** | 3.63% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 20,756 | 21,558 | **802** | 3.86% |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 9,648 | 10,382 | **734** | 7.61% |
| 611000 | Educational Services | 27,131 | 27,864 | **733** | 2.70% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 10,280 | 10,846 | **566** | 5.51% |
| 541000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 10,983 | 11,474 | **491** | 4.47% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 6,782 | 7,255 | **473** | 6.97% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 7,007 | 7,428 | **421** | 6.01% |
| 484000 | Truck Transportation | 11,862 | 12,210 | **348** | 2.93% |
| 425000 | Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers | 3,032 | 3,368 | **336** | 11.08% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 864 | 1,084 | 220 | **25.46%** |
| 312000 | Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing | 214 | 250 | 36 | **16.82%** |
| 325000 | Chemical Manufacturing | 265 | 305 | 40 | **15.09%** |
| 425000 | Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers | 3,032 | 3,368 | 336 | **11.08%** |
| 322000 | Paper Manufacturing | 1,309 | 1,449 | 140 | **10.70%** |
| 442000 | Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores | 726 | 803 | 77 | **10.61%** |
| 518000 | Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services | 222 | 244 | 22 | **9.91%** |
| 236000 | Construction of Buildings | 1,724 | 1,883 | 159 | **9.22%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 901 | 972 | 71 | **7.88%** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 9,648 | 10,382 | 734 | **7.61%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 1,185 | 743 | **-442** | -37.30% |
| 332000 | Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | 2,937 | 2,729 | **-208** | -7.08% |
| 337000 | Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing | 942 | 821 | **-121** | -12.85% |
| 448000 | Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | 1,971 | 1,884 | **-87** | -4.41% |
| 623000 | Nursing and Residential Care Facilities | 5,092 | 5,030 | **-62** | -1.22% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 1,185 | 743 | -442 | **-37.30%** |
| 113000 | Forestry and Logging | 45 | 37 | -8 | **-17.78%** |
| 337000 | Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing | 942 | 821 | -121 | **-12.85%** |
| 519000 | Other Information Services | 109 | 99 | -10 | **-9.17%** |
| 332000 | Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | 2,937 | 2,729 | -208 | **-7.08%** |

# Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area 2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **288,380** | **297,917** | **9,537** | **3.31%** | **5,006** | **6,757** | **11,763** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 30,075 | 31,259 | 1,184 | 3.94% | 593 | 584 | 1,177 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 15,243 | 15,907 | 664 | 4.36% | 332 | 282 | 614 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 7,445 | 7,745 | 300 | 4.03% | 150 | 110 | 260 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 2,502 | 2,558 | 56 | 2.24% | 33 | 58 | 91 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 1,493 | 1,537 | 44 | 2.95% | 22 | 41 | 63 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 4,560 | 4,773 | 213 | 4.67% | 106 | 93 | 199 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 1,517 | 1,571 | 54 | 3.56% | 27 | 24 | 51 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 16,063 | 16,552 | 489 | 3.04% | 244 | 344 | 588 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 3,229 | 3,306 | 77 | 2.38% | 46 | 77 | 123 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 13,013 | 13,526 | 513 | 3.94% | 258 | 262 | 520 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 5,837 | 5,999 | 162 | 2.78% | 81 | 120 | 201 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 3,248 | 3,340 | 92 | 2.83% | 48 | 84 | 132 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 22,894 | 23,720 | 826 | 3.61% | 416 | 952 | 1,368 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 8,596 | 8,953 | 357 | 4.15% | 178 | 159 | 337 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 10,225 | 10,678 | 453 | 4.43% | 228 | 214 | 442 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 30,381 | 31,540 | 1,159 | 3.81% | 582 | 1,011 | 1,593 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 39,891 | 41,050 | 1,159 | 2.91% | 589 | 830 | 1,419 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 1,777 | 1,803 | 26 | 1.46% | 18 | 44 | 62 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 9,548 | 10,062 | 514 | 5.38% | 258 | 150 | 408 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 10,120 | 10,507 | 387 | 3.82% | 202 | 226 | 428 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 23,693 | 23,669 | -24 | -0.10% | 178 | 509 | 687 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 27,030 | 27,862 | 832 | 3.08% | 418 | 582 | 1,000 |

**Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 12,256 | 12,731 | **475** | 3.88% | 238 | 203 | 441 |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 11,818 | 12,192 | **374** | 3.16% | 187 | 188 | 375 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 10,618 | 10,954 | **336** | 3.16% | 168 | 397 | 565 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 5,079 | 5,327 | **248** | 4.88% | 124 | 198 | 322 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 6,622 | 6,848 | **226** | 3.41% | 113 | 336 | 449 |
| 41-4012 | Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products | 3,043 | 3,259 | **216** | 7.10% | 108 | 61 | 169 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 3,538 | 3,743 | **205** | 5.79% | 102 | 22 | 124 |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 6,551 | 6,754 | **203** | 3.10% | 102 | 138 | 240 |
| 37-2011 | Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 4,078 | 4,256 | **178** | 4.36% | 89 | 74 | 163 |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 3,423 | 3,594 | **171** | 5.00% | 86 | 80 | 166 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 49-3011 | Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians | 31 | 38 | 7 | **22.58%** | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 51-9012 | Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 63 | 71 | 8 | **12.70%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 51-9196 | Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 236 | 265 | 29 | **12.29%** | 14 | 4 | 18 |
| 47-2021 | Brickmasons and Blockmasons | 156 | 170 | 14 | **8.97%** | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 43-5061 | Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks | 497 | 539 | 42 | **8.45%** | 21 | 14 | 35 |
| 47-3011 | Helpers--Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters | 72 | 78 | 6 | **8.33%** | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 31-2021 | Physical Therapist Assistants | 187 | 202 | 15 | **8.02%** | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| 27-4011 | Audio and Video Equipment Technicians | 64 | 69 | 5 | **7.81%** | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 47-3016 | Helpers--Roofers | 64 | 69 | 5 | **7.81%** | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 21-1013 | Marriage and Family Therapists | 95 | 102 | 7 | **7.37%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 10,618 | 10,954 | 336 | 3.16% | 168 | 397 | **565** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 6,622 | 6,848 | 226 | 3.41% | 113 | 336 | **449** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 12,256 | 12,731 | 475 | 3.88% | 238 | 203 | **441** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 11,818 | 12,192 | 374 | 3.16% | 187 | 188 | **375** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 4,944 | 5,106 | 162 | 3.28% | 81 | 258 | **339** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 5,079 | 5,327 | 248 | 4.88% | 124 | 198 | **322** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 5,209 | 5,374 | 165 | 3.17% | 82 | 161 | **243** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 6,551 | 6,754 | 203 | 3.10% | 102 | 138 | **240** |
| 11-1021 | General and Operations Managers | 4,231 | 4,393 | 162 | 3.83% | 81 | 100 | **181** |
| 39-9011 | Childcare Workers | 3,262 | 3,402 | 140 | 4.29% | 70 | 100 | **170** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 3,609 | 3,704 | 95 | 2.63% | 48 | 122 | **170** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-4072 | Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 300 | 221 | **-79** | -26.33% | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 51-4041 | Machinists | 696 | 633 | **-63** | -9.05% | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| 51-7011 | Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters | 254 | 227 | **-27** | -10.63% | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 51-4111 | Tool and Die Makers | 148 | 122 | **-26** | -17.57% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 51-6093 | Upholsterers | 263 | 240 | **-23** | -8.75% | 0 | 6 | 6 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-4051 | Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders | 36 | 23 | -13 | **-36.11%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 51-4072 | Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 300 | 221 | -79 | **-26.33%** | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 51-4191 | Heat Treating Equipment Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 47 | 35 | -12 | **-25.53%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 51-4111 | Tool and Die Makers | 148 | 122 | -26 | **-17.57%** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 51-4034 | Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 62 | 55 | -7 | **-11.29%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |

# NCWIANorth Central Arkansas The North Central Arkansas WDA has numerous tourist attractions within its borders. Near Mountain View, visitors can tour the underground beauty of Blanchard Springs Caverns and listen to traditional American mountain music at the Ozark Folk Center. Created by a dam in 1964, the 40,000-acre Greers Ferry Lake offers outdoor adventurists plenty of fishing, boating, and camping. Nearby, the Little Red River flows out of the lake’s tailwaters, providing excellent trout fishing. In fact, a world-record setting brown trout, weighing 40.4 pounds, was caught on the river in 1992.

The North Central Arkansas 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.

The Area is home to three public two-year colleges that are part of the Arkansas State University (ASU) system with campuses located in Beebe, Newport, and Searcy. Also located in North Central Arkansas are two private four-year institutions, Lyon College in Batesville and Harding University in Searcy. Rounding out the Area’s educational opportunities are several community, technical, and trade schools, including the UA Community College in Batesville and Ozarka College in Melbourne.

The North Central Arkansas WDA is projected to add 1,862 jobs from January 2015 through March 2017, or increase employment by 2.28 percent. Goods-Producing industries are expected to have a net gain of 380, while the Services-Providing industries could add 1,174. The Area is predicted to experience a gain in Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, with an increase of 308.

**Education and Health Services** is projected to be the top growing supersector in the North Central Arkansas WDA with a gain of 406 jobs. **Other Services (Except Government)** is estimated to be the fastest growing supersector with a gain of 7.18 percent. *Machinery Manufacturing* is forecasted to be the top and fastest growing industry with a gain of 242 new jobs, an increase of 38.41 percent. **Natural Resources and Mining** could lose the most among the supersectors with a loss of 94 jobs, or just under four percent. *Pipeline Transportation* is predicted to be the top and fastest declining industry losing 59.78 percent of its workforce, or 107 jobs, due mainly to reduced investment in the natural gas industry.

The Area is expected to have 2,999 total job openings annually between 2015 and 2017. Of these, 1,900 would be for replacement, while 1,099 would be for growth and expansion. **Management Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group with 293 new jobs. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Manager*s is anticipated to gain 228 jobs between 2015 and 2017 making it the top growing occupation in the Area. The occupation is also projected to have the most job openings with 254 annually. *Tool and Die Makers* are forecast to increase employment by 22.41 percent making it the fastest growing occupation in North Central Arkansas.  **Community and Social Science Occupations** is estimated to be the fastest growing major group with a growth of 6.98 percent. On the negative side of the economy, *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* could lose the most with a loss of 41 jobs, while *Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining* is expected to lose 14.63 percent of its workforce.

**North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **81,822** | **83,684** | **1,862** | **2.28%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***11,959*** | ***12,267*** | ***308*** | ***2.58%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 11,654 | 11,959 | 305 | 2.62% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 305 | 308 | 3 | 0.98% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 12,782 | 13,162 | 380 | 2.97% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **2,365** | **2,271** | **-94** | **-3.97%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 809 | 842 | 33 | 4.08% |
| 210000 | Mining | 1,556 | 1,429 | -127 | -8.16% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **2,370** | **2,456** | **86** | **3.63%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **8,047** | **8,435** | **388** | **4.82%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***3,632*** | ***3,596*** | ***-36*** | ***-0.99%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***4,415*** | ***4,839*** | ***424*** | ***9.60%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 57,081 | 58,255 | 1,174 | 2.06% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **15,851** | **15,970** | **119** | **0.75%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 1,797 | 1,875 | 78 | 4.34% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 9,429 | 9,677 | 248 | 2.63% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 3,928 | 3,812 | -116 | -2.95% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 697 | 606 | -91 | -13.06% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **483** | **441** | **-42** | **-8.70%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **2,433** | **2,477** | **44** | **1.81%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 1,933 | 1,980 | 47 | 2.43% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 500 | 497 | -3 | -0.60% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **3,195** | **3,357** | **162** | **5.07%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 1,143 | 1,148 | 5 | 0.44% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 221 | 238 | 17 | 7.69% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 1,831 | 1,971 | 140 | 7.65% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **20,816** | **21,222** | **406** | **1.95%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 9,072 | 9,192 | 120 | 1.32% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 11,744 | 12,030 | 286 | 2.44% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **5,972** | **6,182** | **210** | **3.52%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 391 | 401 | 10 | 2.56% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 5,581 | 5,781 | 200 | 3.58% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **2,564** | **2,748** | **184** | **7.18%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **5,767** | **5,858** | **91** | **1.58%** |

**North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area**

## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 630 | 872 | **242** | 38.41% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 5,065 | 5,263 | **198** | 3.91% |
| 813000 | Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations | 1,503 | 1,690 | **187** | 12.44% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 2,894 | 3,035 | **141** | 4.87% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 3,329 | 3,459 | **130** | 3.91% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 2,331 | 2,454 | **123** | 5.28% |
| 611000 | Educational Services | 9,072 | 9,192 | **120** | 1.32% |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 788 | 904 | **116** | 14.72% |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,688 | 1,802 | **114** | 6.75% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 1,263 | 1,350 | **87** | 6.89% |

### Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries (Ranked by Percent (%) Growth) (Minimum Employment of 50)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 630 | 872 | 242 | **38.41%** |
| 562000 | Waste Management and Remediation Services | 143 | 169 | 26 | **18.18%** |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 788 | 904 | 116 | **14.72%** |
| 813000 | Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations | 1,503 | 1,690 | 187 | **12.44%** |
| 326000 | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing | 201 | 224 | 23 | **11.44%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 242 | 264 | 22 | **9.09%** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 440 | 480 | 40 | **9.09%** |
| 112000 | Animal Production | 344 | 372 | 28 | **8.14%** |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 705 | 762 | 57 | **8.09%** |
| 485000 | Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation | 129 | 139 | 10 | **7.75%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 486000 | Pipeline Transportation | 179 | 72 | **-107** | -59.78% |
| 484000 | Truck Transportation | 1,946 | 1,843 | **-103** | -5.29% |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 700 | 609 | **-91** | -13.00% |
| 221000 | Utilities | 697 | 606 | **-91** | -13.06% |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 2,224 | 2,180 | **-44** | -1.98% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 486000 | Pipeline Transportation | 179 | 72 | -107 | **-59.78%** |
| 515000 | Broadcasting (except Internet) | 80 | 63 | -17 | **-21.25%** |
| 221000 | Utilities | 697 | 606 | -91 | **-13.06%** |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 700 | 609 | -91 | **-13.00%** |
| 335000 | Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing | 241 | 220 | -21 | **-8.71%** |

**North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **81,822** | **83,684** | **1,862** | **2.28%** | **1,099** | **1,900** | **2,999** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 11,669 | 11,962 | 293 | 2.51% | 148 | 210 | 358 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 1,309 | 1,352 | 43 | 3.28% | 22 | 26 | 48 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 372 | 376 | 4 | 1.08% | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 367 | 372 | 5 | 1.36% | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 339 | 332 | -7 | -2.06% | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 1,618 | 1,731 | 113 | 6.98% | 56 | 33 | 89 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 261 | 265 | 4 | 1.53% | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 5,313 | 5,398 | 85 | 1.60% | 43 | 112 | 155 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 693 | 708 | 15 | 2.16% | 11 | 16 | 27 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 5,098 | 5,211 | 113 | 2.22% | 58 | 106 | 164 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 2,621 | 2,671 | 50 | 1.91% | 26 | 56 | 82 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 1,482 | 1,510 | 28 | 1.89% | 15 | 41 | 56 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 6,260 | 6,462 | 202 | 3.23% | 102 | 229 | 331 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 2,526 | 2,598 | 72 | 2.85% | 37 | 48 | 85 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 2,957 | 3,095 | 138 | 4.67% | 70 | 56 | 126 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 7,258 | 7,460 | 202 | 2.78% | 103 | 260 | 363 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 10,396 | 10,519 | 123 | 1.18% | 73 | 217 | 290 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 638 | 654 | 16 | 2.51% | 10 | 16 | 26 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 3,104 | 3,158 | 54 | 1.74% | 45 | 51 | 96 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 3,176 | 3,172 | -4 | -0.13% | 22 | 75 | 97 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 7,295 | 7,515 | 220 | 3.02% | 178 | 164 | 342 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 7,070 | 7,163 | 93 | 1.32% | 69 | 155 | 224 |

**North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 8,424 | 8,652 | **228** | 2.71% | 114 | 140 | 254 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 864 | 965 | **101** | 11.69% | 50 | 18 | 68 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 1,689 | 1,773 | **84** | 4.97% | 42 | 66 | 108 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 2,408 | 2,478 | **70** | 2.91% | 35 | 90 | 125 |
| 21-2011 | Clergy | 519 | 585 | **66** | 12.72% | 33 | 11 | 44 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,122 | 1,184 | **62** | 5.53% | 31 | 7 | 38 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,252 | 2,307 | **55** | 2.44% | 28 | 114 | 142 |
| 37-2011 | Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 1,140 | 1,185 | **45** | 3.95% | 22 | 20 | 42 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,346 | 1,390 | **44** | 3.27% | 22 | 42 | 64 |
| 39-9011 | Childcare Workers | 963 | 1,006 | **43** | 4.47% | 22 | 30 | 52 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-4111 | Tool and Die Makers | 58 | 71 | 13 | **22.41%** | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 51-9121 | Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 42 | 51 | 9 | **21.43%** | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 51-9083 | Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians | 83 | 96 | 13 | **15.66%** | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 21-2011 | Clergy | 519 | 585 | 66 | **12.72%** | 33 | 11 | 44 |
| 21-2021 | Directors, Religious Activities and Education | 58 | 65 | 7 | **12.07%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 864 | 965 | 101 | **11.69%** | 50 | 18 | 68 |
| 51-4121 | Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 307 | 341 | 34 | **11.07%** | 17 | 8 | 25 |
| 51-4041 | Machinists | 181 | 201 | 20 | **11.05%** | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 13-1111 | Management Analysts | 69 | 76 | 7 | **10.14%** | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 49-2097 | Electronic Home Entertainment Equipment Installers and Repairers | 55 | 60 | 5 | **9.09%** | 2 | 1 | 3 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 8,424 | 8,652 | 228 | 2.71% | 114 | 140 | **254** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,252 | 2,307 | 55 | 2.44% | 28 | 114 | **142** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 2,408 | 2,478 | 70 | 2.91% | 35 | 90 | **125** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 1,689 | 1,773 | 84 | 4.97% | 42 | 66 | **108** |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 864 | 965 | 101 | 11.69% | 50 | 18 | **68** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,346 | 1,390 | 44 | 3.27% | 22 | 42 | **64** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 768 | 794 | 26 | 3.39% | 13 | 40 | **53** |
| 39-9011 | Childcare Workers | 963 | 1,006 | 43 | 4.47% | 22 | 30 | **52** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 1,886 | 1,903 | 17 | 0.90% | 8 | 40 | **48** |
| 29-1141 | Registered Nurses | 1,331 | 1,362 | 31 | 2.33% | 16 | 30 | **46** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 1,045 | 1,066 | 21 | 2.01% | 10 | 36 | **46** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 2,463 | 2,422 | **-41** | -1.66% | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| 47-5013 | Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining | 123 | 105 | **-18** | -14.63% | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 49-9051 | Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers | 148 | 135 | **-13** | -8.78% | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 49-9098 | Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers | 205 | 196 | **-9** | -4.39% | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| 43-3031 | Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | 836 | 828 | **-8** | -0.96% | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| 47-5071 | Roustabouts, Oil and Gas | 114 | 106 | **-8** | -7.02% | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 47-5013 | Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining | 123 | 105 | -18 | **-14.63%** | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 51-8013 | Power Plant Operators | 61 | 54 | -7 | **-11.48%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 43-5041 | Meter Readers, Utilities | 38 | 34 | -4 | **-10.53%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 41-3011 | Advertising Sales Agents | 39 | 35 | -4 | **-10.26%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 49-9051 | Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers | 148 | 135 | -13 | **-8.78%** | 0 | 6 | 6 |

# NEWIANortheast Arkansas The Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center in Piggott, including the home and barn studio where Ernest Hemingway lived and wrote portions of “A Farewell to Arms,” is just one of the many attractions located in the Northeast Arkansas WDA. A unique land formation, one of only two in the world, can be found in Crowley’s Ridge State Park near Paragould. Lake Charles, in Powhatan, is one of several lakes in this Area, offering camping and fishing. Built in 1888 and restored in the 1970s, the historical Powhatan Courthouse is the main attraction at Powhatan Historic State Park.

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

This Area is home to three four-year colleges, two private and one public: Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Crowley’s Ridge College in Paragould, and Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Arkansas Northeastern College in Blytheville and Black River Technical College in Pocahontas are two-year colleges located in this WDA.

The Northeast Arkansas WDA is expected to add 5,324 jobs during the projection period. At 4.90 percent, the Area is estimated to be the fastest growing WDA in the state. Goods-Producing industries are predicted to have a net gain of 2,475 jobs, while Services-Providing industries could add 2,885. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, however, is anticipated to lose 36 net jobs.

**Manufacturing** is expected to be the top and fastest growing supersector with 2,268 new jobs, an increase of 11.35 percent. Driving the growth is *Food Manufacturing*, which is estimated to gain 1,170 jobs, a 53.99 percent increase, making it the top and fastest growing industry in the Area. The **Information** supersector is estimated to lose 1.66 percent of its workforce, or 12 net jobs, between 2015 and 2017. Despite the strong outlook for **Manufacturing**,*Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing* is seeing a less favorable outlook with a loss of 150, or a little over a third of its workforce, making it the top and fastest declining industry in Northeast Arkansas.

The Northeast Arkansas WDA is expected to have 5,388 annual openings during the projection period. The Area is projected to be the only workforce area where growth openings lead replacement openings with 2,789 for growth and expansion and 2,599 for replacement. **Production Occupations** is predicted to be the top and fastest growing major group adding 1,396 new jobs to the labor market, or 9.73 percent growth.*Team Assemblers* is anticipated to be the top growing occupation with a gain of 368 jobs, while *Food Cooking Machine Operators and Tenders* is estimated to be the fastest growing occupation raising employment by 54.39 percent. Also in the **Production Occupations**major group, *Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing* is forecast to be the fastest declining occupation losing nearly 13 percent of its workforce. *Tellers*, of the **Office and Administrative Support Occupations** major group, is predicted to be the top declining occupation with a loss of 23 during the projection period.

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## 2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **108,732** | **114,056** | **5,324** | **4.90%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***9,951*** | ***9,915*** | ***-36*** | ***-0.36%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 9,465 | 9,443 | -22 | -0.23% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 486 | 472 | -14 | -2.88% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 25,019 | 27,494 | 2,475 | 9.89% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **1,856** | **1,869** | **13** | **0.70%** |
| **110000** | **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting** | **1,750** | **1,756** | **6** | **0.34%** |
| **210000** | **Mining** | **106** | **113** | **7** | **6.60%** |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **3,177** | **3,371** | **194** | **6.11%** |
| **230000** | **Construction** | **3,177** | **3,371** | **194** | **6.11%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **19,986** | **22,254** | **2,268** | **11.35%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***5,965*** | ***7,312*** | ***1,347*** | ***22.58%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***14,021*** | ***14,942*** | ***921*** | ***6.57%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 73,762 | 76,647 | 2,885 | 3.91% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **19,074** | **20,144** | **1,070** | **5.61%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 3,599 | 3,778 | 179 | 4.97% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 12,236 | 12,873 | 637 | 5.21% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 2,791 | 3,119 | 328 | 11.75% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 448 | 374 | -74 | -16.52% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **724** | **712** | **-12** | **-1.66%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **3,160** | **3,180** | **20** | **0.63%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 2,153 | 2,151 | -2 | -0.09% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 1,007 | 1,029 | 22 | 2.18% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **6,849** | **7,497** | **648** | **9.46%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 1,638 | 1,716 | 78 | 4.76% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 548 | 604 | 56 | 10.22% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 4,663 | 5,177 | 514 | 11.02% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **26,387** | **27,070** | **683** | **2.59%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 10,928 | 11,043 | 115 | 1.05% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 15,459 | 16,027 | 568 | 3.67% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **8,409** | **8,741** | **332** | **3.95%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 420 | 428 | 8 | 1.90% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 7,989 | 8,313 | 324 | 4.06% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **2,687** | **2,756** | **69** | **2.57%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **6,472** | **6,547** | **75** | **1.16%** |

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## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 2,167 | 3,337 | **1,170** | 53.99% |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 4,412 | 4,958 | **546** | 12.38% |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 4,412 | 4,847 | **435** | 9.86% |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 3,559 | 3,913 | **354** | 9.95% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 7,434 | 7,721 | **287** | 3.86% |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 619 | 891 | **272** | 43.94% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 4,688 | 4,919 | **231** | 4.93% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 3,996 | 4,211 | **215** | 5.38% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 3,815 | 3,988 | **173** | 4.53% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,042 | 2,191 | **149** | 7.30% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 2,167 | 3,337 | 1,170 | **53.99%** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 619 | 891 | 272 | **43.94%** |
| 562000 | Waste Management and Remediation Services | 251 | 330 | 79 | **31.47%** |
| 448000 | Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | 665 | 760 | 95 | **14.29%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 374 | 427 | 53 | **14.17%** |
| 442000 | Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores | 380 | 430 | 50 | **13.16%** |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 4,412 | 4,958 | 546 | **12.38%** |
| 112000 | Animal Production | 119 | 132 | 13 | **10.92%** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 548 | 604 | 56 | **10.22%** |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 3,559 | 3,913 | 354 | **9.95%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 337000 | Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing | 445 | 295 | **-150** | -33.71% |
| 221000 | Utilities | 448 | 374 | **-74** | -16.52% |
| 335000 | Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing | 819 | 746 | **-73** | -8.91% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 1,471 | 1,430 | **-41** | -2.79% |
| 517000 | Telecommunications | 248 | 232 | **-16** | -6.45% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 337000 | Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing | 445 | 295 | -150 | **-33.71%** |
| 221000 | Utilities | 448 | 374 | -74 | **-16.52%** |
| 485000 | Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation | 82 | 72 | -10 | **-12.20%** |
| 335000 | Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing | 819 | 746 | -73 | **-8.91%** |
| 517000 | Telecommunications | 248 | 232 | -16 | **-6.45%** |

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## 2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **108,732** | **114,056** | **5,324** | **4.90%** | **2,789** | **2,599** | **5,388** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 9,822 | 10,007 | 185 | 1.88% | 102 | 188 | 290 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 2,239 | 2,336 | 97 | 4.33% | 50 | 46 | 96 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 649 | 675 | 26 | 4.01% | 13 | 8 | 21 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 767 | 813 | 46 | 6.00% | 24 | 18 | 42 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 406 | 418 | 12 | 2.96% | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 2,185 | 2,259 | 74 | 3.39% | 37 | 44 | 81 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 278 | 287 | 9 | 3.24% | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 6,706 | 6,815 | 109 | 1.63% | 54 | 140 | 194 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 879 | 897 | 18 | 2.05% | 11 | 21 | 32 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 6,169 | 6,388 | 219 | 3.55% | 110 | 130 | 240 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 3,135 | 3,218 | 83 | 2.65% | 42 | 67 | 109 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 1,538 | 1,586 | 48 | 3.12% | 24 | 42 | 66 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 8,747 | 9,042 | 295 | 3.37% | 148 | 346 | 494 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 3,311 | 3,479 | 168 | 5.07% | 84 | 62 | 146 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 3,198 | 3,311 | 113 | 3.53% | 58 | 59 | 117 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 11,226 | 11,760 | 534 | 4.76% | 267 | 368 | 635 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 13,759 | 14,219 | 460 | 3.34% | 250 | 288 | 538 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 1,140 | 1,144 | 4 | 0.35% | 6 | 29 | 35 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 4,099 | 4,297 | 198 | 4.83% | 99 | 66 | 165 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 4,853 | 5,239 | 386 | 7.95% | 212 | 110 | 322 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 14,350 | 15,746 | 1,396 | 9.73% | 762 | 330 | 1,092 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 9,276 | 10,120 | 844 | 9.10% | 424 | 224 | 648 |

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## Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 2,972 | 3,340 | **368** | 12.38% | 184 | 64 | 248 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,461 | 3,692 | **231** | 6.67% | 116 | 130 | 246 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,572 | 2,793 | **221** | 8.59% | 110 | 80 | 190 |
| 51-9023 | Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 404 | 565 | **161** | 39.85% | 80 | 8 | 88 |
| 51-9198 | Helpers--Production Workers | 971 | 1,128 | **157** | 16.17% | 78 | 30 | 108 |
| 53-7051 | Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators | 915 | 1,059 | **144** | 15.74% | 72 | 22 | 94 |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 1,794 | 1,928 | **134** | 7.47% | 67 | 28 | 95 |
| 49-9041 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | 614 | 744 | **130** | 21.17% | 65 | 14 | 79 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,547 | 2,675 | **128** | 5.03% | 64 | 99 | 163 |
| 51-9111 | Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders | 646 | 763 | **117** | 18.11% | 58 | 22 | 80 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-3093 | Food Cooking Machine Operators and Tenders | 57 | 88 | 31 | **54.39%** | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| 49-3011 | Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians | 131 | 184 | 53 | **40.46%** | 26 | 3 | 29 |
| 51-9023 | Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 404 | 565 | 161 | **39.85%** | 80 | 8 | 88 |
| 53-4031 | Railroad Conductors and Yardmasters | 25 | 32 | 7 | **28.00%** | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 51-3092 | Food Batchmakers | 41 | 52 | 11 | **26.83%** | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 53-7061 | Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment | 326 | 409 | 83 | **25.46%** | 42 | 12 | 54 |
| 49-9041 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | 614 | 744 | 130 | **21.17%** | 65 | 14 | 79 |
| 51-9192 | Cleaning, Washing, and Metal Pickling Equipment Operators and Tenders | 84 | 100 | 16 | **19.05%** | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| 43-5111 | Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping | 74 | 88 | 14 | **18.92%** | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 51-9111 | Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders | 646 | 763 | 117 | **18.11%** | 58 | 22 | 80 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 2,972 | 3,340 | 368 | 12.38% | 184 | 64 | **248** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,461 | 3,692 | 231 | 6.67% | 116 | 130 | **246** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,572 | 2,793 | 221 | 8.59% | 110 | 80 | **190** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,592 | 2,667 | 75 | 2.89% | 38 | 132 | **170** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,547 | 2,675 | 128 | 5.03% | 64 | 99 | **163** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 2,521 | 2,636 | 115 | 4.56% | 58 | 53 | **111** |
| 51-9198 | Helpers--Production Workers | 971 | 1,128 | 157 | 16.17% | 78 | 30 | **108** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 1,475 | 1,526 | 51 | 3.46% | 26 | 77 | **103** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 1,794 | 1,928 | 134 | 7.47% | 67 | 28 | **95** |
| 53-7051 | Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators | 915 | 1,059 | 144 | 15.74% | 72 | 22 | **94** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 556 | 533 | **-23** | -4.14% | 0 | 24 | 24 |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 5,133 | 5,177 | **-16** | -0.31% | 0 | 85 | 85 |
| 49-9051 | Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers | 177 | 161 | **-16** | -9.04% | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| 51-7042 | Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing | 77 | 67 | **-10** | -12.99% | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 49-9052 | Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers | 95 | 86 | **-9** | -9.47% | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-7042 | Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing | 77 | 67 | -10 | **-12.99%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 49-9052 | Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers | 95 | 86 | -9 | **-9.47%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 49-9051 | Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers | 177 | 161 | -16 | **-9.04%** | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| 43-4141 | New Accounts Clerks | 40 | 38 | -2 | **-5.00%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 45-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers | 41 | 39 | -2 | **-4.88%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |

**Western Arkansas**

 The Western Arkansas WDA is home to the two highest mountain peaks in Arkansas: Mount Magazine near Paris and Rich Mountain at the Queen Wilhelmina State Park near Mena. The Cossatot River, an American Indian word for skull crusher, provides some of the most challenging whitewater rafting in the state. Settled by Swiss and German immigrants in the 1880s, Altus has become the wine capital of Arkansas, producing several award-winning wines from grapes grown in the Boston Mountains. Area visitors can also see an eight-foot tall statue of Popeye in Alma, the self-proclaimed spinach capital of the world.

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

The Area is home to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, a four-year public university located in Sebastian County. Offering associate degrees and certificates, Rich Mountain Community College in Mena and Arkansas Tech-Ozark are two-year colleges located in this Area, providing residents with a range of educational options.

The Western Arkansas WDA is expected to experience a net gain of 2,677 jobs during the projection period. Goods-Producing industries are projected to have a net gain of 415 jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are estimated to add 1,902. A gain of 360 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is anticipated during the projection period.

**Professional and Business Services** is expected to be the top and fastest growing supersector in the Area with a gain of 860 jobs during the projection period, an increase of 8.73 percent. *Administrative and Support Services* is predicted to be the top growing industry gaining 584 jobs between 2015 and 2017. At 17.14 percent, *Paper Manufacturing* is projected to be the fastest growing industry in Western Arkansas. Four supersectors are anticipated to experience net job losses with **Financial Activities** losing the most at 128. **Natural Resources and Mining** could be the fastest declining losing 5.33 percent of its workforce. *Machinery Manufacturing* is estimated to be the top declining industry losing 141 jobs by March 2017. *Support Activities for Mining* is predicted to lose 13.98 percent of its workforce making it the fastest declining industry in the Area.

The Western Arkansas WDA is projected to have a net job gain of 2.30 percent between 2015 and 2017. Around 4,249 annual job openings are expected to be available during the projection period with 2,719 for replacement and 1,530 for growth and expansion. **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** is projected to be the top and fastest growing major group adding 468 jobs to the workforce, an increase of 4.34 percent. *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* is estimated to be the top growing occupation with an increase of 267 jobs. *Gas Plant Operators*, of the **Production Occupations** major group, is predicted to be the fastest growing occupation with an increase of 20 percent. *Tellers*, of the **Office and Administrative Support Occupations** major group, is anticipated to lose 48 jobs by March 2017, while *Forest and Conservation Technicians*, of the **Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations** major group, could lose 13.33 percent of its workforce, making it the fastest declining industry in the Area.

**Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **116,299** | **118,976** | **2,677** | **2.30%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***11,113*** | ***11,473*** | ***360*** | ***3.24%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 10,627 | 10,982 | 355 | 3.34% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 486 | 491 | 5 | 1.03% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 26,697 | 27,112 | 415 | 1.55% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **1,913** | **1,811** | **-102** | **-5.33%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 608 | 615 | 7 | 1.15% |
| 210000 | Mining | 1,305 | 1,196 | -109 | -8.35% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **3,769** | **3,997** | **228** | **6.05%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **21,015** | **21,304** | **289** | **1.38%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***11,611*** | ***11,963*** | ***352*** | ***3.03%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***9,404*** | ***9,341*** | ***-63*** | ***-0.67%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 78,489 | 80,391 | 1,902 | 2.42% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **22,591** | **23,292** | **701** | **3.10%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 3,803 | 3,880 | 77 | 2.02% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 12,070 | 12,291 | 221 | 1.83% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 6,026 | 6,401 | 375 | 6.22% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 692 | 720 | 28 | 4.05% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **1,197** | **1,184** | **-13** | **-1.09%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **3,598** | **3,470** | **-128** | **-3.56%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 2,406 | 2,311 | -95 | -3.95% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 1,192 | 1,159 | -33 | -2.77% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **9,849** | **10,709** | **860** | **8.73%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 2,082 | 2,171 | 89 | 4.27% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 2,167 | 2,358 | 191 | 8.81% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 5,600 | 6,180 | 580 | 10.36% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **22,722** | **23,082** | **360** | **1.58%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 8,279 | 8,361 | 82 | 0.99% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 14,443 | 14,721 | 278 | 1.92% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **8,587** | **8,819** | **232** | **2.70%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 397 | 406 | 9 | 2.27% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 8,190 | 8,413 | 223 | 2.72% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **3,745** | **3,629** | **-116** | **-3.10%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **6,200** | **6,206** | **6** | **0.10%** |

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

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 5,453 | 6,037 | **584** | 10.71% |
| 484000 | Truck Transportation | 4,396 | 4,682 | **286** | 6.51% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 7,570 | 7,843 | **273** | 3.61% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,412 | 2,609 | **197** | 8.17% |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 2,167 | 2,358 | **191** | 8.81% |
| 322000 | Paper Manufacturing | 1,097 | 1,285 | **188** | 17.14% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 4,781 | 4,966 | **185** | 3.87% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 3,941 | 4,123 | **182** | 4.62% |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 8,857 | 9,031 | **174** | 1.96% |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 796 | 896 | **100** | 12.56% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 322000 | Paper Manufacturing | 1,097 | 1,285 | 188 | **17.14%** |
| 331000 | Primary Metal Manufacturing | 796 | 896 | 100 | **12.56%** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 5,453 | 6,037 | 584 | **10.71%** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 2,167 | 2,358 | 191 | **8.81%** |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,412 | 2,609 | 197 | **8.17%** |
| 453000 | Miscellaneous Store Retailers | 549 | 593 | 44 | **8.01%** |
| 334000 | Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing | 76 | 82 | 6 | **7.89%** |
| 484000 | Truck Transportation | 4,396 | 4,682 | 286 | **6.51%** |
| 236000 | Construction of Buildings | 711 | 748 | 37 | **5.20%** |
| 441000 | Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers | 1,574 | 1,654 | 80 | **5.08%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 1,403 | 1,262 | **-141** | -10.05% |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 844 | 726 | **-118** | -13.98% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 1,674 | 1,562 | **-112** | -6.69% |
| 813000 | Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations | 2,192 | 2,102 | **-90** | -4.11% |
| 335000 | Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing | 2,606 | 2,518 | **-88** | -3.38% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 844 | 726 | -118 | **-13.98%** |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 1,403 | 1,262 | -141 | **-10.05%** |
| 339000 | Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 229 | 207 | -22 | **-9.61%** |
| 812000 | Personal and Laundry Services | 562 | 514 | -48 | **-8.54%** |
| 999100 | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office | 1,016 | 932 | -84 | **-8.27%** |

**Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **116,299** | **118,976** | **2,677** | **2.30%** | **1,530** | **2,719** | **4,249** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 10,760 | 11,072 | 312 | 2.90% | 158 | 202 | 360 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 3,083 | 3,157 | 74 | 2.40% | 44 | 58 | 102 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 1,041 | 1,067 | 26 | 2.50% | 15 | 14 | 29 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 912 | 918 | 6 | 0.66% | 6 | 21 | 27 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 528 | 525 | -3 | -0.57% | 5 | 14 | 19 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 2,201 | 2,193 | -8 | -0.36% | 13 | 45 | 58 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 481 | 496 | 15 | 3.12% | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 4,860 | 4,917 | 57 | 1.17% | 30 | 101 | 131 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 951 | 972 | 21 | 2.21% | 11 | 22 | 33 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 6,275 | 6,412 | 137 | 2.18% | 70 | 128 | 198 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 3,617 | 3,682 | 65 | 1.80% | 32 | 78 | 110 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 1,770 | 1,827 | 57 | 3.22% | 29 | 44 | 73 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 9,282 | 9,586 | 304 | 3.28% | 154 | 371 | 525 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 2,964 | 3,047 | 83 | 2.80% | 47 | 56 | 103 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 2,894 | 2,936 | 42 | 1.45% | 28 | 58 | 86 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 10,910 | 11,102 | 192 | 1.76% | 102 | 362 | 464 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 16,203 | 16,443 | 240 | 1.48% | 169 | 340 | 509 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 1,218 | 1,251 | 33 | 2.71% | 18 | 28 | 46 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 4,581 | 4,745 | 164 | 3.58% | 100 | 74 | 174 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 5,041 | 5,169 | 128 | 2.54% | 77 | 112 | 189 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 15,936 | 16,200 | 264 | 1.66% | 174 | 349 | 523 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 10,791 | 11,259 | 468 | 4.34% | 238 | 234 | 472 |

**Western Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 4,496 | 4,763 | **267** | 5.94% | 134 | 72 | 206 |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 5,679 | 5,863 | **184** | 3.24% | 92 | 94 | 186 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,181 | 2,279 | **98** | 4.49% | 49 | 68 | 117 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,282 | 2,378 | **96** | 4.21% | 48 | 89 | 137 |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 1,773 | 1,858 | **85** | 4.79% | 42 | 92 | 134 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,452 | 3,512 | **60** | 1.74% | 30 | 129 | 159 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 903 | 961 | **58** | 6.42% | 29 | 24 | 53 |
| 37-2011 | Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 1,518 | 1,568 | **50** | 3.29% | 25 | 28 | 53 |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 2,545 | 2,589 | **44** | 1.73% | 22 | 54 | 76 |
| 35-1012 | First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers | 997 | 1,040 | **43** | 4.31% | 22 | 32 | 54 |
| 51-9111 | Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders | 899 | 942 | **43** | 4.78% | 22 | 30 | 52 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-8092 | Gas Plant Operators | 40 | 48 | 8 | **20.00%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 49-2094 | Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment | 132 | 150 | 18 | **13.64%** | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| 51-9196 | Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 88 | 100 | 12 | **13.64%** | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 53-7021 | Crane and Tower Operators | 53 | 60 | 7 | **13.21%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 51-9032 | Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 304 | 342 | 38 | **12.50%** | 19 | 6 | 25 |
| 51-9023 | Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 209 | 234 | 25 | **11.96%** | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| 51-4051 | Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders | 59 | 66 | 7 | **11.86%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 43-9041 | Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks | 266 | 296 | 30 | **11.28%** | 15 | 6 | 21 |
| 11-3121 | Human Resources Managers | 74 | 81 | 7 | **9.46%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 47-3015 | Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters | 71 | 77 | 6 | **8.45%** | 3 | 1 | 4 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 4,496 | 4,763 | 267 | 5.94% | 134 | 72 | **206** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 5,679 | 5,863 | 184 | 3.24% | 92 | 94 | **186** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,452 | 3,512 | 60 | 1.74% | 30 | 129 | **159** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,668 | 2,702 | 34 | 1.27% | 17 | 135 | **152** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,282 | 2,378 | 96 | 4.21% | 48 | 89 | **137** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 1,773 | 1,858 | 85 | 4.79% | 42 | 92 | **134** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,181 | 2,279 | 98 | 4.49% | 49 | 68 | **117** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 1,734 | 1,776 | 42 | 2.42% | 21 | 58 | **79** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 2,545 | 2,589 | 44 | 1.73% | 22 | 54 | **76** |
| 51-9198 | Helpers--Production Workers | 1,567 | 1,590 | 23 | 1.47% | 12 | 50 | **62** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 554 | 506 | **-48** | -8.66% | 0 | 24 | 24 |
| 21-2011 | Clergy | 776 | 749 | **-27** | -3.48% | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| 51-4031 | Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 436 | 418 | **-18** | -4.13% | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 37-2012 | Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 552 | 541 | **-11** | -1.99% | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| 47-5071 | Roustabouts, Oil and Gas | 89 | 78 | **-11** | -12.36% | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 19-4093 | Forest and Conservation Technicians | 60 | 52 | -8 | **-13.33%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 47-5071 | Roustabouts, Oil and Gas | 89 | 78 | -11 | **-12.36%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 47-5011 | Derrick Operators, Oil and Gas | 71 | 63 | -8 | **-11.27%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 39-4021 | Funeral Attendants | 39 | 35 | -4 | **-10.26%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 554 | 506 | -48 | **-8.66%** | 0 | 24 | 24 |

# West Central Arkansas



The West Central Arkansas WDA contains unbelievable natural resources for recreational use, including multiple lakes and mountains. Petit Jean State Park, located near Morrilton, is home to Cedar Falls, the tallest continuously flowing waterfall in the state. The Crater of Diamonds State Park, located in Murfreesboro, is recognized as the only public diamond mine in the world where you keep what you find. Visitors found 98.81 total carats in 2015 with one that was 8.52 carats, the fifth largest since 1972. Hot Springs is also a center for tourism with its famous Bathhouse Row, a theme park, and other historic attractions.

The West Central Arkansas WDA consists of 10 counties: Clark, Conway, Garland, Hot Spring, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Pope, and Yell; with the Hot Springs Metropolitan Statistical Area located within the WDA.

The Area has several four-year colleges: Arkansas Tech University in Russellville; Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia; and the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. There are also a number of two-year community and technical colleges in the Area: National Park College in Hot Springs; a campus of the University of Arkansas Community College System in Morrilton; and College of the Ouachitas in Malvern.

The West Central Arkansas WDA is expected to see a growth of 2,075 jobs by the first quarter of 2017. Goods-Producing industries are projected to gain 338 new jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 1,535. There is estimated to be 202 more Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers in this Area by 2017.

**Professional and Business Services** is predicted to be the top and fastest growing supersector adding 482 new jobs, an increase of 5.91 percent. *Food Services and Drinking Places*, of the **Leisure and Hospitality** supersector, is estimated to be the top growing industry adding 350 new jobs between 2015 and 2017. *Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation* is projected to be the fastest growing industry increasing employment by 12.1 percent. On the negative side of the economy, **Information** is anticipated to be the fastest declining supersector losing 5.11 percent of its workforce, while **Natural Resources and Mining** could lose the most with 52 jobs lost. *Hospitals* is projected to experience a loss of 199 jobs making it the top declining industry, while *Support Activities for Transportation* could see a 31.71 percent decline making it the fastest declining industry in West Central Arkansas.

The Area’s employment is expected to increase by 1.69 percent during the projection period. An estimated 4,207 annual job openings are anticipated in this Area. Growth and expansion is estimated to account for 1,273 of those jobs, while 2,934 would be for replacement. The **Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations** major group is projected to add the most jobs with 332 between 2015 and 2017. It is tied with **Personal Care and Service Occupations** as the fastest growing major group with an increase of 3.13 percent. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers* is estimated to be the top growing occupation with a gain of 123, while *Brickmasons and Blockmasons* is expected to increase employment by 8.57 percent. *Tellers* is projected to lose the most jobs with a loss of 46 jobs, while *Reporters and Correspondents* could see a 13.51 percent reduction in employment. The **Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations** is predicted to lose 1.12 percent of its workforce during the projection period.

# West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

## 2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **122,845** | **124,920** | **2,075** | **1.69%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***12,700*** | ***12,902*** | ***202*** | ***1.59%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 12,202 | 12,411 | 209 | 1.71% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 498 | 491 | -7 | -1.41% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 23,153 | 23,491 | 338 | 1.46% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **2,367** | **2,315** | **-52** | **-2.20%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 1,772 | 1,764 | -8 | -0.45% |
| 210000 | Mining | 595 | 551 | -44 | -7.39% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **4,663** | **4,846** | **183** | **3.92%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **16,123** | **16,330** | **207** | **1.28%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***9,151*** | ***9,198*** | ***47*** | ***0.51%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***6,972*** | ***7,132*** | ***160*** | ***2.29%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 86,992 | 88,527 | 1,535 | 1.76% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **21,394** | **21,774** | **380** | **1.78%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 2,092 | 2,109 | 17 | 0.81% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 13,854 | 14,337 | 483 | 3.49% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 4,136 | 4,054 | -82 | -1.98% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 1,312 | 1,274 | -38 | -2.90% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **919** | **872** | **-47** | **-5.11%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **3,970** | **3,959** | **-11** | **-0.28%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 2,962 | 2,934 | -28 | -0.95% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 1,008 | 1,025 | 17 | 1.69% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **8,161** | **8,643** | **482** | **5.91%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 2,676 | 2,804 | 128 | 4.78% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 443 | 467 | 24 | 5.42% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 5,042 | 5,372 | 330 | 6.55% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **27,874** | **28,166** | **292** | **1.05%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 12,315 | 12,339 | 24 | 0.19% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 15,559 | 15,827 | 268 | 1.72% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **12,367** | **12,745** | **378** | **3.06%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 2,026 | 2,069 | 43 | 2.12% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 10,341 | 10,676 | 335 | 3.24% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **4,088** | **4,067** | **-21** | **-0.51%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **8,219** | **8,301** | **82** | **1.00%** |

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## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

## **Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 9,015 | 9,365 | **350** | 3.88% |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 4,692 | 5,019 | **327** | 6.97% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,915 | 3,129 | **214** | 7.34% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 3,865 | 4,075 | **210** | 5.43% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 4,908 | 5,099 | **191** | 3.89% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 4,049 | 4,239 | **190** | 4.69% |
| 541000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 2,676 | 2,804 | **128** | 4.78% |
| 441000 | Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers | 1,885 | 1,965 | **80** | 4.24% |
| 999300 | Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals | 3,827 | 3,901 | **74** | 1.93% |
| 623000 | Nursing and Residential Care Facilities | 3,354 | 3,420 | **66** | 1.97% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 485000 | Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation | 124 | 139 | 15 | **12.10%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 346 | 387 | 41 | **11.85%** |
| 523000 | Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities | 179 | 197 | 18 | **10.06%** |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,915 | 3,129 | 214 | **7.34%** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 4,692 | 5,019 | 327 | **6.97%** |
| 335000 | Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing | 384 | 407 | 23 | **5.99%** |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 1,151 | 1,215 | 64 | **5.56%** |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 3,865 | 4,075 | 210 | **5.43%** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 443 | 467 | 24 | **5.42%** |
| 453000 | Miscellaneous Store Retailers | 662 | 695 | 33 | **4.98%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 622000 | Hospitals | 3,432 | 3,233 | **-199** | -5.80% |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 5,952 | 5,842 | **-110** | -1.85% |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 328 | 224 | **-104** | -31.71% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 1,526 | 1,438 | **-88** | -5.77% |
| 237000 | Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction | 1,121 | 1,066 | **-55** | -4.91% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 328 | 224 | -104 | **-31.71%** |
| 486000 | Pipeline Transportation | 51 | 37 | -14 | **-27.45%** |
| 212000 | Mining (except Oil and Gas) | 302 | 251 | -51 | **-16.89%** |
| 339000 | Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 75 | 63 | -12 | **-16.00%** |
| 515000 | Broadcasting (except Internet) | 79 | 67 | -12 | **-15.19%** |

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## 2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **122,845** | **124,920** | **2,075** | **1.69%** | **1,273** | **2,934** | **4,207** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 11,567 | 11,770 | 203 | 1.75% | 103 | 218 | 321 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 2,519 | 2,555 | 36 | 1.43% | 24 | 47 | 71 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 715 | 727 | 12 | 1.68% | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 1,064 | 1,084 | 20 | 1.88% | 14 | 25 | 39 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 714 | 706 | -8 | -1.12% | 1 | 22 | 23 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 2,617 | 2,634 | 17 | 0.65% | 18 | 54 | 72 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 358 | 367 | 9 | 2.51% | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 7,583 | 7,643 | 60 | 0.79% | 31 | 159 | 190 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 1,091 | 1,085 | -6 | -0.55% | 6 | 25 | 31 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 6,209 | 6,235 | 26 | 0.42% | 36 | 132 | 168 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 4,429 | 4,533 | 104 | 2.35% | 52 | 92 | 144 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 2,815 | 2,893 | 78 | 2.77% | 40 | 64 | 104 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 10,615 | 10,947 | 332 | 3.13% | 167 | 422 | 589 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 4,042 | 4,112 | 70 | 1.73% | 36 | 76 | 112 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 4,313 | 4,448 | 135 | 3.13% | 70 | 94 | 164 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 12,041 | 12,347 | 306 | 2.54% | 176 | 406 | 582 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 17,059 | 17,207 | 148 | 0.87% | 130 | 372 | 502 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 1,337 | 1,334 | -3 | -0.22% | 8 | 32 | 40 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 5,256 | 5,415 | 159 | 3.03% | 92 | 84 | 176 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 5,322 | 5,440 | 118 | 2.22% | 78 | 123 | 201 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 11,862 | 12,014 | 152 | 1.28% | 118 | 259 | 377 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 9,317 | 9,424 | 107 | 1.15% | 58 | 217 | 275 |

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## Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 6,850 | 6,973 | **123** | 1.80% | 62 | 114 | 176 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,548 | 3,669 | **121** | 3.41% | 60 | 132 | 192 |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 2,231 | 2,343 | **112** | 5.02% | 56 | 52 | 108 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,072 | 2,163 | **91** | 4.39% | 46 | 80 | 126 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,071 | 3,162 | **91** | 2.96% | 46 | 156 | 202 |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 2,075 | 2,141 | **66** | 3.18% | 33 | 108 | 141 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,214 | 1,279 | **65** | 5.35% | 32 | 8 | 40 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 1,075 | 1,138 | **63** | 5.86% | 32 | 29 | 61 |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers | 1,981 | 2,035 | **54** | 2.73% | 27 | 45 | 72 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,369 | 2,418 | **49** | 2.07% | 24 | 73 | 97 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 47-2021 | Brickmasons and Blockmasons | 140 | 152 | 12 | **8.57%** | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 47-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers | 597 | 643 | 46 | **7.71%** | 23 | 5 | 28 |
| 49-9041 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | 549 | 591 | 42 | **7.65%** | 21 | 13 | 34 |
| 47-2051 | Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers | 111 | 118 | 7 | **6.31%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 53-3041 | Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs | 210 | 223 | 13 | **6.19%** | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 49-9021 | Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers | 232 | 246 | 14 | **6.03%** | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| 45-4022 | Logging Equipment Operators | 84 | 89 | 5 | **5.95%** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 1,075 | 1,138 | 63 | **5.86%** | 32 | 29 | 61 |
| 47-2111 | Electricians | 602 | 636 | 34 | **5.65%** | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| 49-3021 | Automotive Body and Related Repairers | 130 | 137 | 7 | **5.38%** | 4 | 3 | 7 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,071 | 3,162 | 91 | 2.96% | 46 | 156 | **202** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,548 | 3,669 | 121 | 3.41% | 60 | 132 | **192** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 6,850 | 6,973 | 123 | 1.80% | 62 | 114 | **176** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 2,075 | 2,141 | 66 | 3.18% | 33 | 108 | **141** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,072 | 2,163 | 91 | 4.39% | 46 | 80 | **126** |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 2,231 | 2,343 | 112 | 5.02% | 56 | 52 | **108** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,369 | 2,418 | 49 | 2.07% | 24 | 73 | **97** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 2,843 | 2,878 | 35 | 1.23% | 18 | 60 | **78** |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers | 1,981 | 2,035 | 54 | 2.73% | 27 | 45 | **72** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 1,500 | 1,542 | 42 | 2.80% | 21 | 51 | **72** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 640 | 594 | **-46** | -7.19% | 0 | 28 | 28 |
| 29-1141 | Registered Nurses | 1,856 | 1,832 | **-24** | -1.29% | 0 | 41 | 41 |
| 51-3022 | Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers | 1,063 | 1,044 | **-19** | -1.79% | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| 21-2011 | Clergy | 872 | 854 | **-18** | -2.06% | 0 | 18 | 18 |
| 43-3031 | Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | 1,107 | 1,097 | **-10** | -0.90% | 0 | 11 | 11 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 27-3022 | Reporters and Correspondents | 37 | 32 | -5 | **-13.51%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 43-5041 | Meter Readers, Utilities | 70 | 64 | -6 | **-8.57%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 51-5112 | Printing Press Operators | 76 | 70 | -6 | **-7.89%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 640 | 594 | -46 | **-7.19%** | 0 | 28 | 28 |
| 29-1126 | Respiratory Therapists | 92 | 87 | -5 | **-5.43%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |

# CENTWIACentral Arkansas

The Central Arkansas WDA is home to the Prairie County Museum in Des Arc, which contains artifacts and exhibits that tell the story of the Lower White River’s influence on the first settlements in the Arkansas frontier, while Pickles Gap Village in Conway presents a unique variety of shops for those traveling through to the Ozarks. Located in Scott, the Plantation Agricultural Museum, tells the history of cotton agriculture in the state; and the Toltec Indian Mounds State Park, a national historic landmark, preserves and interprets the state’s tallest Native American mounds. Pinnacle Mountain, located near Roland, can be viewed in the western sections of the Little Rock/North Little Rock area and is famous for its cone-shaped peak with hiking trails that lead to the summit. The Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville is the world’s largest training ground for C-130 pilots and North Little Rock’s Old Mill, an authentic reproduction of a water-powered gristmill, was seen in the opening credits of “Gone with the Wind.”

The Central Arkansas 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.

Three four-year colleges and universities are located in Conway: the University of Central Arkansas, home to Arkansas’s Public Broadcasting Station, Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN); Hendrix College; and Central Baptist College. There are satellite campuses of other colleges and universities, including the University of Arkansas at Little Rock-Benton and the Pulaski Technical College-Saline County Career Center in Bauxite. Two two-year colleges, Shorter College and Pulaski Technical College, are located in North Little Rock.

The Area is expected to add 4,343 new jobs, an increase of 2.52 percent. Goods-Producing industries are projected to gain 115 new jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 3,822 jobs. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers could increase by 406 jobs between 2015 and 2017.

**Education and Health Services** is expected to be the top growing supersector adding 1,214 jobs during the projection period. **Professional and Business Services** is predicted to be the fastest growing supersector, raising employment by four percent. *Food Services and Drinking Places*, of the **Leisure and Hospitality** supersector, is estimated to be the top growing industry with an increase of 564 new jobs. *Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores* is anticipated to be the fastest growing industry during the 2015-2017 period with an increase of 13.93 percent. The **Natural Resources and Mining**supersector could see a loss of 383 jobs, a 17.81 percent decline. The major contributor to this loss is in the Mining sector, which is forecast to lose 397 jobs, about 31 percent of its workforce, due to declining investment in natural gas drilling services. *Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services* is predicted to be the fastest declining industry decreasing by 15.94 percent, while *Federal Government, Excluding Post Office* could see a decline of 129.

The Central Arkansas WDA is expected to have 6,548 annual job openings during the projection period with 2,416 being for growth and expansion and 4,132 being for replacement. **Sales and Related Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group with an increase of 600. Driving this growth is *Retail Salespersons*, which is estimated to gain 231 jobs by March 2017. *Postal Service Mail Carriers* could see a 14.23 percent increase in jobs making it the fastest growing occupation. **Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations** is forecasted to be the fastest growing major group adding 4.60 percent to its workforce. *Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining* is projected to be the top and fastest declining occupation with a loss of 119, or 59.50 percent of its workforce due to decreased investment in natural gas activities.

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## 2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **172,080** | **176,423** | **4,343** | **2.52%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***13,876*** | ***14,282*** | ***406*** | ***2.93%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 13,191 | 13,603 | 412 | 3.12% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 685 | 679 | -6 | -0.88% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 23,056 | 23,171 | 115 | 0.50% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **2,151** | **1,768** | **-383** | **-17.81%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 868 | 882 | 14 | 1.61% |
| 210000 | Mining | 1,283 | 886 | -397 | -30.94% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **9,079** | **9,420** | **341** | **3.76%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **11,826** | **11,983** | **157** | **1.33%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***3,929*** | ***3,913*** | ***-16*** | ***-0.41%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***7,897*** | ***8,070*** | ***173*** | ***2.19%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 135,148 | 138,970 | 3,822 | 2.83% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **37,057** | **38,083** | **1,026** | **2.77%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 6,762 | 6,932 | 170 | 2.51% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 22,470 | 23,310 | 840 | 3.74% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 7,241 | 7,297 | 56 | 0.77% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 584 | 544 | -40 | -6.85% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **1,013** | **1,041** | **28** | **2.76%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **5,995** | **5,988** | **-7** | **-0.12%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 4,076 | 4,041 | -35 | -0.86% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 1,919 | 1,947 | 28 | 1.46% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **17,481** | **18,180** | **699** | **4.00%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 6,599 | 6,830 | 231 | 3.50% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 1,328 | 1,464 | 136 | 10.24% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 9,554 | 9,886 | 332 | 3.47% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **34,025** | **35,239** | **1,214** | **3.57%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 13,795 | 13,972 | 177 | 1.28% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 20,230 | 21,267 | 1,037 | 5.13% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **17,097** | **17,735** | **638** | **3.73%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 1,182 | 1,222 | 40 | 3.38% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 15,915 | 16,513 | 598 | 3.76% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **7,959** | **8,044** | **85** | **1.07%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **14,521** | **14,660** | **139** | **0.96%** |

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## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 14,715 | 15,279 | 564 | 3.83% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 5,992 | 6,416 | 424 | 7.08% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 5,155 | 5,502 | 347 | 6.73% |
| 622000 | Hospitals | 4,647 | 4,988 | 341 | 7.34% |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 9,089 | 9,422 | 333 | 3.66% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 6,453 | 6,749 | 296 | 4.59% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 6,161 | 6,443 | 282 | 4.58% |
| 541000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 6,599 | 6,830 | 231 | 3.50% |
| 441000 | Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers | 3,786 | 3,988 | 202 | 5.34% |
| 611000 | Educational Services | 13,795 | 13,972 | 177 | 1.28% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 451000 | Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores | 732 | 834 | 102 | **13.93%** |
| 517000 | Telecommunications | 492 | 555 | 63 | **12.80%** |
| 491100 | Postal Service | 802 | 902 | 100 | **12.47%** |
| 324000 | Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing | 126 | 140 | 14 | **11.11%** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 1,328 | 1,464 | 136 | **10.24%** |
| 327000 | Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing | 546 | 596 | 50 | **9.16%** |
| 339000 | Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 190 | 207 | 17 | **8.95%** |
| 523000 | Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities | 180 | 196 | 16 | **8.89%** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 331 | 356 | 25 | **7.55%** |
| 622000 | Hospitals | 4,647 | 4,988 | 341 | **7.34%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 999100 | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office | 3,967 | 3,838 | -129 | -3.25% |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 815 | 709 | -106 | -13.01% |
| 425000 | Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers | 688 | 605 | -83 | -12.06% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 2,227 | 2,148 | -79 | -3.55% |
| 623000 | Nursing and Residential Care Facilities | 4,436 | 4,361 | -75 | -1.69% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 518000 | Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services | 138 | 116 | -22 | **-15.94%** |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 815 | 709 | -106 | **-13.01%** |
| 425000 | Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers | 688 | 605 | -83 | **-12.06%** |
| 221000 | Utilities | 584 | 544 | -40 | **-6.85%** |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 414 | 388 | -26 | **-6.28%** |

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2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **172,080** | **176,423** | **4,343** | **2.52%** | **2,416** | **4,132** | **6,548** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 12,614 | 12,925 | 311 | 2.47% | 165 | 248 | 413 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 5,498 | 5,616 | 118 | 2.15% | 63 | 99 | 162 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 3,837 | 3,986 | 149 | 3.88% | 78 | 52 | 130 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 1,888 | 1,915 | 27 | 1.43% | 24 | 45 | 69 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 808 | 818 | 10 | 1.24% | 8 | 22 | 30 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 4,230 | 4,335 | 105 | 2.48% | 52 | 87 | 139 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 685 | 697 | 12 | 1.75% | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 8,872 | 9,055 | 183 | 2.06% | 92 | 188 | 280 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 1,609 | 1,633 | 24 | 1.49% | 14 | 36 | 50 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 9,016 | 9,431 | 415 | 4.60% | 208 | 188 | 396 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 5,049 | 5,149 | 100 | 1.98% | 53 | 106 | 159 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 3,546 | 3,622 | 76 | 2.14% | 38 | 84 | 122 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 16,080 | 16,639 | 559 | 3.48% | 282 | 624 | 906 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 5,890 | 6,034 | 144 | 2.44% | 72 | 110 | 182 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 7,649 | 7,994 | 345 | 4.51% | 172 | 187 | 359 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 18,959 | 19,559 | 600 | 3.16% | 304 | 632 | 936 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 25,906 | 26,451 | 545 | 2.10% | 309 | 567 | 876 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 791 | 800 | 9 | 1.14% | 6 | 20 | 26 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 8,982 | 8,983 | 1 | 0.01% | 117 | 148 | 265 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 7,571 | 7,816 | 245 | 3.24% | 124 | 163 | 287 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 9,194 | 9,273 | 79 | 0.86% | 71 | 208 | 279 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 13,406 | 13,692 | 286 | 2.13% | 154 | 309 | 463 |

# Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area

## Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 5,339 | 5,570 | **231** | 4.33% | 116 | 200 | 316 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 4,542 | 4,757 | **215** | 4.73% | 108 | 177 | 285 |
| 39-9011 | Childcare Workers | 4,152 | 4,366 | **214** | 5.15% | 107 | 126 | 233 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 5,107 | 5,257 | **150** | 2.94% | 75 | 258 | 333 |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 4,282 | 4,412 | **130** | 3.04% | 65 | 71 | 136 |
| 29-1141 | Registered Nurses | 2,492 | 2,618 | **126** | 5.06% | 63 | 55 | 118 |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 3,546 | 3,664 | **118** | 3.33% | 59 | 186 | 245 |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 3,355 | 3,471 | **116** | 3.46% | 58 | 114 | 172 |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 3,033 | 3,145 | **112** | 3.69% | 56 | 70 | 126 |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 4,526 | 4,637 | **111** | 2.45% | 56 | 96 | 152 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-5052 | Postal Service Mail Carriers | 274 | 313 | 39 | 14.23% | 20 | 5 | 25 |
| 43-5051 | Postal Service Clerks | 72 | 82 | 10 | 13.89% | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 29-1171 | Nurse Practitioners | 154 | 168 | 14 | 9.09% | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| 15-2031 | Operations Research Analysts | 202 | 220 | 18 | 8.91% | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| 51-4011 | Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic | 58 | 63 | 5 | 8.62% | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 29-1123 | Physical Therapists | 298 | 322 | 24 | 8.05% | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| 29-2041 | Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics | 78 | 84 | 6 | 7.69% | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 29-2081 | Opticians, Dispensing | 72 | 77 | 5 | 6.94% | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 29-1127 | Speech-Language Pathologists | 291 | 311 | 20 | 6.87% | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| 13-1161 | Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists | 175 | 187 | 12 | 6.86% | 6 | 2 | 8 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 5,107 | 5,257 | 150 | 2.94% | 75 | 258 | **333** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 5,339 | 5,570 | 231 | 4.33% | 116 | 200 | **316** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 4,542 | 4,757 | 215 | 4.73% | 108 | 177 | **285** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 3,546 | 3,664 | 118 | 3.33% | 59 | 186 | **245** |
| 39-9011 | Childcare Workers | 4,152 | 4,366 | 214 | 5.15% | 107 | 126 | **233** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 3,355 | 3,471 | 116 | 3.46% | 58 | 114 | **172** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 4,526 | 4,637 | 111 | 2.45% | 56 | 96 | **152** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 4,282 | 4,412 | 130 | 3.04% | 65 | 71 | **136** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,971 | 3,052 | 81 | 2.73% | 40 | 92 | **132** |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 3,033 | 3,145 | 112 | 3.69% | 56 | 70 | **126** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 47-5013 | Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining | 200 | 81 | **-119** | -59.50% | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 1,015 | 968 | **-47** | -4.63% | 0 | 44 | 44 |
| 47-5011 | Derrick Operators, Oil and Gas | 106 | 89 | **-17** | -16.04% | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 51-9198 | Helpers--Production Workers | 790 | 775 | **-15** | -1.90% | 0 | 25 | 25 |
| 47-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers | 979 | 970 | **-9** | -0.92% | 0 | 8 | 8 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 47-5013 | Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining | 200 | 81 | -119 | **-59.50%** | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 47-5011 | Derrick Operators, Oil and Gas | 106 | 89 | -17 | **-16.04%** | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 51-8093 | Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers | 33 | 28 | -5 | **-15.15%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 43-5041 | Meter Readers, Utilities | 82 | 74 | -8 | **-9.76%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 17-2051 | Civil Engineers | 122 | 114 | -8 | **-6.56%** | 0 | 4 | 4 |

# COLRWIACity of Little Rock

# The City of Little Rock WDA has numerous attractions and resources for people to enjoy. There are a number of museums in the Area, including the Arkansas Arts Center, which houses art galleries, a Children’s Theater, and other attractions related to the arts. As Arkansas’s only major airport, the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport transports over two million passengers in and out of the city each year. Central High School is considered one of Arkansas's most important historical landmarks. In 1957, the school was brought to national attention in one of the earliest school desegregation struggles in the modern civil rights movement. With the addition of the Clinton Presidential Library and the revitalization of the River Market District, the downtown area has become a tourist destination for the State and Area. In addition, if you like biking or walking, three pedestrian/biking bridges may fit your style: the Junction Bridge, the Big Dam Bridge, and the Two Rivers Bridge. The Area is also home to the American Taekwondo Association and its annual tournament.

The City of Little Rock 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.

Three four-year colleges are located in the Area: one public university, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and three private colleges, Arkansas Baptist College, Philander Smith College, and Remington College. It is also home to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law, one of two law schools in the state. A campus of Pulaski Tech is also located not far from the Pulaski/Saline County line. This amounts to a wealth of educational opportunities for the citizens of Arkansas, especially in the central part of the state.

The City of Little Rock WDA is expected to grow by 4,015 jobs between 2015 and 2017, or an increase of 2.17 percent. Goods-Producing industries are projected to experience a net gain of 217 jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 3,513. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers is expected to experience a gain of 285 jobs.

**Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** is estimated to be the top and fastest growing supersector in the City of Little Rock WDA adding an anticipated 1,454 new jobs, an increase of 5.25 percent. *Management of Companies and Enterprises* is projected to be the top growing industry adding 496 jobs between 2015 and 2017. *Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services* is anticipated to grow significantly with a gain of 41.36 percent making it the fastest growing industry in the Area. *Educational Services*, however, could see a decline in jobs with a loss of 288, while *Other Information Services* could lose a third of its workforce, making it the fastest declining industry.

Area employers are expected to have 6,408 annual openings during the projection period. Of these, 4,196 would be for replacement and 2,212 for growth and expansion. **Sales and Related Occupations** is projected to be the top and fastest growing major group with 938 new jobs, an increase of 5.21 percent. The top two growing occupations are in this major group with *Retail Salespersons* leading with 523 new jobs. *Retail Salespersons* is also forecast to grow the fastest at a rate of 9.83 percent. The **Education, Training, and Library Occupations** major group is expected to lose 90 net jobs, a loss less than one percent. On the negative side of the economy, *Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers* is predicted to lose the most jobs with a decline of 35 jobs, while *Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic* could see an 11.32 percent reduction in its workforce.

**City of Little Rock** **Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **185,383** | **189,398** | **4,015** | **2.17%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***10,681*** | ***10,966*** | ***285*** | ***2.67%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 9,990 | 10,268 | 278 | 2.78% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 691 | 698 | 7 | 1.01% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 12,239 | 12,456 | 217 | 1.77% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **387** | **388** | **1** | **0.26%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 50 | 51 | 1 | 2.00% |
| 210000 | Mining | 337 | 337 | 0 | 0.00% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **4,498** | **4,651** | **153** | **3.40%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **7,354** | **7,417** | **63** | **0.86%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***2,445*** | ***2,374*** | ***-71*** | ***-2.90%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***4,909*** | ***5,043*** | ***134*** | ***2.73%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 162,463 | 165,976 | 3,513 | 2.16% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **27,713** | **29,167** | **1,454** | **5.25%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 6,836 | 7,027 | 191 | 2.79% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 14,949 | 15,959 | 1,010 | 6.76% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 4,382 | 4,549 | 167 | 3.81% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 1,546 | 1,632 | 86 | 5.56% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **5,006** | **4,848** | **-158** | **-3.16%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **13,627** | **13,810** | **183** | **1.34%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 10,936 | 11,054 | 118 | 1.08% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 2,691 | 2,756 | 65 | 2.42% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **23,225** | **24,133** | **908** | **3.91%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 9,993 | 10,419 | 426 | 4.26% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 3,415 | 3,911 | 496 | 14.52% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 9,817 | 9,803 | -14 | -0.14% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **47,977** | **48,411** | **434** | **0.90%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 12,192 | 11,904 | -288 | -2.36% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 35,785 | 36,507 | 722 | 2.02% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **14,415** | **14,917** | **502** | **3.48%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 1,417 | 1,440 | 23 | 1.62% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 12,998 | 13,477 | 479 | 3.69% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **6,850** | **6,830** | **-20** | **-0.29%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **23,650** | **23,860** | **210** | **0.89%** |

# City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area

## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 3,415 | 3,911 | **496** | 14.52% |
| 448000 | Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | 1,862 | 2,340 | **478** | 25.67% |
| 541000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 9,993 | 10,419 | **426** | 4.26% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 11,150 | 11,570 | **420** | 3.77% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 8,713 | 9,064 | **351** | 4.03% |
| 999200 | State Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals | 13,487 | 13,716 | **229** | 1.70% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 4,609 | 4,819 | **210** | 4.56% |
| 423000 | Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods | 3,890 | 4,055 | **165** | 4.24% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 3,478 | 3,629 | **151** | 4.34% |
| 524000 | Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | 6,426 | 6,523 | **97** | 1.51% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 518000 | Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services | 191 | 270 | 79 | **41.36%** |
| 448000 | Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | 1,862 | 2,340 | 478 | **25.67%** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 3,415 | 3,911 | 496 | **14.52%** |
| 442000 | Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores | 757 | 843 | 86 | **11.36%** |
| 237000 | Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction | 768 | 821 | 53 | **6.90%** |
| 425000 | Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers | 955 | 1,019 | 64 | **6.70%** |
| 221000 | Utilities | 1,546 | 1,632 | 86 | **5.56%** |
| 523000 | Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities | 1,725 | 1,814 | 89 | **5.16%** |
| 236000 | Construction of Buildings | 1,425 | 1,495 | 70 | **4.91%** |
| 453000 | Miscellaneous Store Retailers | 1,087 | 1,138 | 51 | **4.69%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 611000 | Educational Services | 12,192 | 11,904 | **-288** | -2.36% |
| 517000 | Telecommunications | 2,875 | 2,689 | **-186** | -6.47% |
| 999100 | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office | 3,970 | 3,888 | **-82** | -2.07% |
| 326000 | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing | 511 | 434 | **-77** | -15.07% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 2,740 | 2,672 | **-68** | -2.48% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 519000 | Other Information Services | 18 | 12 | -6 | **-33.33%** |
| 326000 | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing | 511 | 434 | -77 | **-15.07%** |
| 493000 | Warehousing and Storage | 94 | 87 | -7 | **-7.45%** |
| 517000 | Telecommunications | 2,875 | 2,689 | -186 | **-6.47%** |
| 814000 | Private Households | 266 | 251 | -15 | **-5.64%** |

# City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area

## 2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **185,383** | **189,398** | **4,015** | **2.17%** | **2,212** | **4,196** | **6,408** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 11,750 | 12,065 | 315 | 2.68% | 158 | 248 | 406 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 11,053 | 11,345 | 292 | 2.64% | 152 | 210 | 362 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 6,135 | 6,380 | 245 | 3.99% | 122 | 82 | 204 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 2,410 | 2,477 | 67 | 2.78% | 34 | 55 | 89 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 1,922 | 1,965 | 43 | 2.24% | 22 | 55 | 77 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 4,383 | 4,442 | 59 | 1.35% | 31 | 90 | 121 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 3,217 | 3,307 | 90 | 2.80% | 45 | 48 | 93 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 9,292 | 9,202 | -90 | -0.97% | 18 | 190 | 208 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 2,706 | 2,738 | 32 | 1.18% | 19 | 62 | 81 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 17,632 | 17,932 | 300 | 1.70% | 154 | 368 | 522 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 5,347 | 5,499 | 152 | 2.84% | 78 | 110 | 188 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 3,979 | 4,014 | 35 | 0.88% | 18 | 92 | 110 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 12,728 | 13,126 | 398 | 3.13% | 204 | 521 | 725 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 6,421 | 6,460 | 39 | 0.61% | 23 | 120 | 143 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 5,223 | 5,373 | 150 | 2.87% | 78 | 100 | 178 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 18,011 | 18,949 | 938 | 5.21% | 471 | 550 | 1,021 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 34,018 | 34,429 | 411 | 1.21% | 249 | 666 | 915 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 315 | 315 | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 5,180 | 5,314 | 134 | 2.59% | 67 | 80 | 147 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 6,839 | 6,947 | 108 | 1.58% | 73 | 148 | 221 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 7,038 | 7,084 | 46 | 0.65% | 64 | 160 | 224 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 9,784 | 10,035 | 251 | 2.57% | 130 | 232 | 362 |

# City of Little Rock Workforce Development Area

# Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 5,319 | 5,842 | **523** | 9.83% | 262 | 199 | 461 |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers | 1,925 | 2,079 | **154** | 8.00% | 77 | 44 | 121 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,706 | 2,828 | **122** | 4.51% | 61 | 106 | 167 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 2,208 | 2,321 | **113** | 5.12% | 56 | 14 | 70 |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 4,935 | 5,038 | **103** | 2.09% | 52 | 115 | 167 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,075 | 3,168 | **93** | 3.02% | 46 | 156 | 202 |
| 29-1141 | Registered Nurses | 6,449 | 6,541 | **92** | 1.43% | 46 | 142 | 188 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,727 | 2,817 | **90** | 3.30% | 45 | 84 | 129 |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 2,756 | 2,843 | **87** | 3.16% | 44 | 144 | 188 |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 2,139 | 2,222 | **83** | 3.88% | 42 | 72 | 114 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 5,319 | 5,842 | 523 | **9.83%** | 262 | 199 | 461 |
| 31-2011 | Occupational Therapy Assistants | 91 | 99 | 8 | **8.79%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers | 1,925 | 2,079 | 154 | **8.00%** | 77 | 44 | 121 |
| 13-2052 | Personal Financial Advisors | 507 | 546 | 39 | **7.69%** | 20 | 12 | 32 |
| 15-1121 | Computer Systems Analysts | 979 | 1,053 | 74 | **7.56%** | 37 | 11 | 48 |
| 51-7011 | Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters | 146 | 157 | 11 | **7.53%** | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 15-1141 | Database Administrators | 218 | 233 | 15 | **6.88%** | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 31-2021 | Physical Therapist Assistants | 179 | 191 | 12 | **6.70%** | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| 53-3033 | Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers | 764 | 813 | 49 | **6.41%** | 24 | 12 | 36 |
| 11-9031 | Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program | 95 | 101 | 6 | **6.32%** | 3 | 3 | 6 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 5,319 | 5,842 | 523 | 9.83% | 262 | 199 | **461** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,075 | 3,168 | 93 | 3.02% | 46 | 156 | **202** |
| 29-1141 | Registered Nurses | 6,449 | 6,541 | 92 | 1.43% | 46 | 142 | **188** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 2,756 | 2,843 | 87 | 3.16% | 44 | 144 | **188** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 2,706 | 2,828 | 122 | 4.51% | 61 | 106 | **167** |
| 43-4051 | Customer Service Representatives | 4,935 | 5,038 | 103 | 2.09% | 52 | 115 | **167** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 5,217 | 5,284 | 67 | 1.28% | 34 | 110 | **144** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 2,727 | 2,817 | 90 | 3.30% | 45 | 84 | **129** |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers | 1,925 | 2,079 | 154 | 8.00% | 77 | 44 | **121** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 2,139 | 2,222 | 83 | 3.88% | 42 | 72 | **114** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 49-2022 | Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers | 593 | 558 | **-35** | -5.90% | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 25-2021 | Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education | 1,225 | 1,197 | **-28** | -2.29% | 0 | 27 | 27 |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 601 | 574 | **-27** | -4.49% | 0 | 26 | 26 |
| 25-2031 | Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education | 996 | 973 | **-23** | -2.31% | 0 | 25 | 25 |
| 25-2022 | Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education | 688 | 673 | **-15** | -2.18% | 0 | 16 | 16 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-4031 | Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 53 | 47 | -6 | **-11.32%** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 51-5111 | Prepress Technicians and Workers | 70 | 65 | -5 | **-7.14%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 49-2022 | Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers | 593 | 558 | -35 | **-5.90%** | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 43-2011 | Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service | 250 | 236 | -14 | **-5.60%** | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 51-2041 | Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters | 141 | 134 | -7 | **-4.96%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |

# Eastern Arkansas

### EASTWIA The Eastern Arkansas WDA is home to several national historic landmarks and interesting facts. The Parkin Archeological Park, in Parkin, is a former American Indian village that some scholars believe was the village Casqui, which was visited during the expedition of Hernando De Soto in 1541. In addition, on the border of Lee and Phillips Counties, a granite monument marks the initial site for the East/West baseline of the 1815 survey of the Louisiana Purchase. Village Creek State Park, located in the Crowley’s Ridge area, is known for its fishing, hiking trails, and lush scenery. The King Biscuit Time radio show, the longest running daily radio show in the nation, has broadcast blues music for over 60 years on KFFA in Helena.

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.

Although there are no four-year colleges in the Area, several two-year institutions offer a variety of programs. Crowley’s Ridge Technical Institute and East Arkansas Community College are in Forrest City, Phillips County Community College of the University of Arkansas System is in Helena, and ASU-Mid South is in West Memphis.

The Eastern Arkansas WDA is expected to experience a net growth of 1,090 jobs between 2015 and 2017. Goods-Producing industries are projected to experience a net gain of 169 jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to add 876. Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers are predicted to gain 45 jobs during the projection period.

**Professional and Business Services** is anticipated to be the top and fastest growing supersector with a gain of 273, an 11.17 percent increase in employment. Driving this growth is *Administrative and Support Services*, which is estimated to be the top growing industry adding 243 jobs between 2015 and 2017. *Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing* is expected to be the fastest growing industry with a gain of 53.33 percent, or 56 new jobs. *Educational Services* could see a drop of 76 jobs making it the top declining industry in Eastern Arkansas, while *Insurance Carriers and Related Activities* could see a 17.73 percent drop in employment during the projection period. Population decline may been seen as a contributing factor in these industry declines.

The Eastern Arkansas WDA is expected to have 1,608 annual job openings during the projection period with 986 being for replacement and the remaining 622 for growth and expansion. **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** is projected to be the top growing major group with a net gain of 158 jobs between 2015 and 2017, while **Architecture and Engineering Occupations** could be the fastest growing major group with a gain of 4.65 percent, although only six new jobs are anticipated. The **Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations** major groupis a close second at 4.64 percent. *Personal Care Aides,* of the **Personal Care and Service Occupations** major group, is predicted to add the most jobs with 79 new jobs anticipated. *Industrial Machinery Mechanics* is forecast to be the fastest growing occupation with an increase of 11.72 percent. *Tellers* could lose 10 jobs between 2015 and 2017 making it the top declining occupation, while *Advertising Sales Agents* could be the fastest declining occupation, losing 12.5 percent of its workforce.

# 2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **41,676** | **42,766** | **1,090** | **2.62%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***3,904*** | ***3,949*** | ***45*** | ***1.15%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 3,730 | 3,773 | 43 | 1.15% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 174 | 176 | 2 | 1.15% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 5,024 | 5,193 | 169 | 3.36% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **1,059** | **1,068** | **9** | **0.85%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 1,056 | 1,066 | 10 | 0.95% |
| 210000 | Mining | 3 | 2 | -1 | -33.33% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **724** | **751** | **27** | **3.73%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **3,241** | **3,374** | **133** | **4.10%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***1,929*** | ***2,014*** | ***85*** | ***4.41%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***1,312*** | ***1,360*** | ***48*** | ***3.66%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 32,748 | 33,624 | 876 | 2.67% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **9,355** | **9,582** | **227** | **2.43%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 2,017 | 2,055 | 38 | 1.88% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 4,823 | 4,967 | 144 | 2.99% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 2,313 | 2,357 | 44 | 1.90% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 202 | 203 | 1 | 0.50% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **203** | **195** | **-8** | **-3.94%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **1,247** | **1,205** | **-42** | **-3.37%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 734 | 692 | -42 | -5.72% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 513 | 513 | 0 | 0.00% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **2,445** | **2,718** | **273** | **11.17%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 521 | 543 | 22 | 4.22% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 178 | 194 | 16 | 8.99% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 1,746 | 1,981 | 235 | 13.46% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **10,377** | **10,585** | **208** | **2.00%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 4,522 | 4,446 | -76 | -1.68% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 5,855 | 6,139 | 284 | 4.85% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **3,527** | **3,633** | **106** | **3.01%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 638 | 650 | 12 | 1.88% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 2,889 | 2,983 | 94 | 3.25% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **1,205** | **1,236** | **31** | **2.57%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **4,389** | **4,470** | **81** | **1.85%** |

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

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,675 | 1,918 | **243** | 14.51% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 2,505 | 2,643 | **138** | 5.51% |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 1,673 | 1,792 | **119** | 7.11% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 2,515 | 2,631 | **116** | 4.61% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 1,499 | 1,572 | **73** | 4.87% |
| 327000 | Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing | 105 | 161 | **56** | 53.33% |
| 999100 | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office | 707 | 746 | **39** | 5.52% |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 656 | 693 | **37** | 5.64% |
| 326000 | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing | 174 | 209 | **35** | 20.11% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 460 | 492 | **32** | 6.96% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 327000 | Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing | 105 | 161 | 56 | **53.33%** |
| 326000 | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing | 174 | 209 | 35 | **20.11%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 73 | 84 | 11 | **15.07%** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,675 | 1,918 | 243 | **14.51%** |
| 551000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 178 | 194 | 16 | **8.99%** |
| 811000 | Repair and Maintenance | 420 | 450 | 30 | **7.14%** |
| 621000 | Ambulatory Health Care Services | 1,673 | 1,792 | 119 | **7.11%** |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 460 | 492 | 32 | **6.96%** |
| 485000 | Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation | 143 | 152 | 9 | **6.29%** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 342 | 362 | 20 | **5.85%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 611000 | Educational Services | 4,522 | 4,446 | **-76** | -1.68% |
| 524000 | Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | 141 | 116 | **-25** | -17.73% |
| 721000 | Accommodation, including Hotels and Motels | 374 | 352 | **-22** | -5.88% |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 222 | 204 | **-18** | -8.11% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 579 | 562 | **-17** | -2.94% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 524000 | Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | 141 | 116 | -25 | **-17.73%** |
| 562000 | Waste Management and Remediation Services | 71 | 63 | -8 | **-11.27%** |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 222 | 204 | -18 | **-8.11%** |
| 511000 | Publishing Industries (except Internet) | 89 | 82 | -7 | **-7.87%** |
| 237000 | Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction | 130 | 120 | -10 | **-7.69%** |

**Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **41,676** | **42,766** | **1,090** | **2.62%** | **622** | **986** | **1,608** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 3,823 | 3,887 | 64 | 1.67% | 36 | 72 | 108 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 605 | 630 | 25 | 4.13% | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 129 | 135 | 6 | 4.65% | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 280 | 293 | 13 | 4.64% | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 879 | 904 | 25 | 2.84% | 12 | 17 | 29 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 226 | 231 | 5 | 2.21% | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 3,122 | 3,092 | -30 | -0.96% | 2 | 66 | 68 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 251 | 249 | -2 | -0.80% | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 1,547 | 1,607 | 60 | 3.88% | 30 | 30 | 60 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 1,385 | 1,438 | 53 | 3.83% | 26 | 29 | 55 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 1,515 | 1,563 | 48 | 3.17% | 24 | 42 | 66 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 3,184 | 3,301 | 117 | 3.67% | 60 | 119 | 179 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 1,591 | 1,647 | 56 | 3.52% | 28 | 32 | 60 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 2,411 | 2,515 | 104 | 4.31% | 52 | 38 | 90 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 4,388 | 4,489 | 101 | 2.30% | 60 | 160 | 220 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 5,491 | 5,572 | 81 | 1.48% | 57 | 116 | 173 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 1,104 | 1,143 | 39 | 3.53% | 22 | 17 | 39 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 1,817 | 1,889 | 72 | 3.96% | 37 | 40 | 77 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 2,653 | 2,740 | 87 | 3.28% | 60 | 58 | 118 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 4,529 | 4,687 | 158 | 3.49% | 82 | 104 | 186 |
|  | Other | 746 | 754 | 8 | 1.07% | 4 | 17 | 21 |

**Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,388 | 1,467 | **79** | 5.69% | 40 | 9 | 49 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,017 | 1,079 | **62** | 6.10% | 31 | 32 | 63 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 1,816 | 1,868 | **52** | 2.86% | 26 | 92 | 118 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 852 | 900 | **48** | 5.63% | 24 | 33 | 57 |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 1,191 | 1,230 | **39** | 3.27% | 20 | 19 | 39 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 532 | 570 | **38** | 7.14% | 19 | 12 | 31 |
| 37-2012 | Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 679 | 711 | **32** | 4.71% | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 927 | 958 | **31** | 3.34% | 16 | 20 | 36 |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 568 | 596 | **28** | 4.93% | 14 | 19 | 33 |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 2,180 | 2,204 | **24** | 1.10% | 12 | 36 | 48 |
| 33-3012 | Correctional Officers and Jailers | 669 | 693 | **24** | 3.59% | 12 | 18 | 30 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 49-9041 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | 145 | 162 | 17 | **11.72%** | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 11-3071 | Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers | 59 | 64 | 5 | **8.47%** | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 49-3093 | Tire Repairers and Changers | 59 | 64 | 5 | **8.47%** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 13-1071 | Human Resources Specialists | 73 | 79 | 6 | **8.22%** | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 29-2041 | Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics | 104 | 112 | 8 | **7.69%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 532 | 570 | 38 | **7.14%** | 19 | 12 | 31 |
| 51-9198 | Helpers--Production Workers | 132 | 141 | 9 | **6.82%** | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 311 | 332 | 21 | **6.75%** | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| 51-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers | 218 | 232 | 14 | **6.42%** | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| 13-2011 | Accountants and Auditors | 109 | 116 | 7 | **6.42%** | 4 | 3 | 7 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 1,816 | 1,868 | 52 | 2.86% | 26 | 92 | **118** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,017 | 1,079 | 62 | 6.10% | 31 | 32 | **63** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 852 | 900 | 48 | 5.63% | 24 | 33 | **57** |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,388 | 1,467 | 79 | 5.69% | 40 | 9 | **49** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 2,180 | 2,204 | 24 | 1.10% | 12 | 36 | **48** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 771 | 790 | 19 | 2.46% | 10 | 29 | **39** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 1,191 | 1,230 | 39 | 3.27% | 20 | 19 | **39** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 523 | 543 | 20 | 3.82% | 10 | 28 | **38** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 927 | 958 | 31 | 3.34% | 16 | 20 | **36** |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 568 | 596 | 28 | 4.93% | 14 | 19 | **33** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 227 | 217 | **-10** | -4.41% | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| 25-2021 | Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education | 588 | 579 | **-9** | -1.53% | 0 | 13 | 13 |
| 25-2031 | Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education | 485 | 477 | **-8** | -1.65% | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| 43-4081 | Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks | 101 | 95 | **-6** | -5.94% | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 43-5052 | Postal Service Mail Carriers | 118 | 112 | **-6** | -5.08% | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-3011 | Advertising Sales Agents | 24 | 21 | -3 | **-12.50%** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-9131 | Postmasters and Mail Superintendents | 22 | 20 | -2 | **-9.09%** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43-5051 | Postal Service Clerks | 46 | 43 | -3 | **-6.52%** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43-4081 | Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks | 101 | 95 | -6 | **-5.94%** | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 43-5052 | Postal Service Mail Carriers | 118 | 112 | -6 | **-5.08%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |

# SWWIASouthwest Arkansas

The Southwest Arkansas WDA contains some of the finest attractions in Arkansas. The Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources in Smackover revisits the industrial and social history associated with the oil boom of the 1920s. The South Arkansas Arboretum State Park in El Dorado preserves exotic plants and flowering species native to the West Gulf Coastal Plain region of the United States, while the City of Hope, the center for watermelon production in Arkansas, was ranked 14th in the nation in total poundage in 2013. The area is known for producing large watermelons, with a 268.8-pound watermelon recorded in 2005 and certified by the Guinness Book of World Records in 2006.

The Southwest Arkansas 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.

Several educational opportunities are available in the Southwest Arkansas WDA. Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia is the only four-year college, while Cossatot Community College, University of Arkansas at Hope-Texarkana, South Arkansas Community College, and Southern Arkansas University-Tech are all two-year colleges located in the Area.

Employment in the Southwest Arkansas WDA is projected to increase by 1,302, or a 1.44 percent growth rate over the 2015-2017 projection period. Goods-Producing industries are predicted to experience a net gain of 55, while the Services-Providing industries are estimated to experience a net growth of 1,093 jobs. The Area is expected to gain 154 Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers.

**Professional and Business Services** is estimated to be the fastest growing supersector at a rate of 8.43 percent. *Administrative and Support Services*is predicted to lead the Areain net growth with 224 new jobs. **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities**is predicted to add the most jobs with a gain of 406. Driving this growth is *Support Activities for Transportation*, which is anticipated to be the fastest growing industry with an increase of 28.08 percent, or 57 new jobs. On the negative side of the economy, *Paper Manufacturing* is anticipated to decline by 171 jobs, or 13.67 percent of its workforce, making it the top and fastest declining industry. The **Natural Resources and Mining** supersector is projected to lose 112 jobs, or 4.54 percent of its workforce.

Between 2015 and 2017, Southwest Arkansas WDA employers are estimated to have 2,935 job openings annually. The Area is forecast to have 2,098 replacement annual openings, or about 71.48 percent of the total job openings for the Area. **Construction and Extraction Occupations** is projected to be the top major group in both net and percent growth, adding 189 new jobs, or an increase of 3.84 percent. *Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers*, of the **Management Occupations**major group, is expected to be the top growing occupation adding 95 jobs between 2015 and 2017. *Helpers—Electricians* is predicted to be the fastest growing occupation, raising employment 9.38 percent. *Tellers,* of the **Office and Administrative Support Occupations** major group, is forecast to be the top declining occupation losing 27 jobs during the projection period, while *Roustabouts, Oil and Gas* could lose 13.81 percent of its workforce, making it the fastest declining occupation.

**Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area**  
2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **90,214** | **91,516** | **1,302** | **1.44%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***9,339*** | ***9,493*** | ***154*** | ***1.65%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 8,990 | 9,160 | 170 | 1.89% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 349 | 333 | -16 | -4.58% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 25,248 | 25,303 | 55 | 0.22% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **2,467** | **2,355** | **-112** | **-4.54%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 1,441 | 1,434 | -7 | -0.49% |
| 210000 | Mining | 1,026 | 921 | -105 | -10.23% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **3,525** | **3,725** | **200** | **5.67%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **19,256** | **19,223** | **-33** | **-0.17%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***10,567*** | ***10,364*** | ***-203*** | ***-1.92%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***8,689*** | ***8,859*** | ***170*** | ***1.96%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 55,627 | 56,720 | 1,093 | 1.96% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **16,021** | **16,427** | **406** | **2.53%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 2,498 | 2,582 | 84 | 3.36% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 8,915 | 9,137 | 222 | 2.49% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 4,081 | 4,183 | 102 | 2.50% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 527 | 525 | -2 | -0.38% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **465** | **452** | **-13** | **-2.80%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **2,616** | **2,603** | **-13** | **-0.50%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 1,904 | 1,889 | -15 | -0.79% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 712 | 714 | 2 | 0.28% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **3,950** | **4,283** | **333** | **8.43%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 1,081 | 1,085 | 4 | 0.37% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 602 | 581 | -21 | -3.49% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 2,267 | 2,617 | 350 | 15.44% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **17,690** | **17,744** | **54** | **0.31%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 8,266 | 8,211 | -55 | -0.67% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 9,424 | 9,533 | 109 | 1.16% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **5,352** | **5,533** | **181** | **3.38%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 326 | 335 | 9 | 2.76% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 5,026 | 5,198 | 172 | 3.42% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **3,166** | **3,208** | **42** | **1.33%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **6,367** | **6,470** | **103** | **1.62%** |

# Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,762 | 1,986 | **224** | 12.71% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,340 | 2,536 | **196** | 8.38% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 4,429 | 4,600 | **171** | 3.86% |
| 332000 | Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | 2,940 | 3,086 | **146** | 4.97% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 2,779 | 2,909 | **130** | 4.68% |
| 562000 | Waste Management and Remediation Services | 505 | 631 | **126** | 24.95% |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 2,125 | 2,238 | **113** | 5.32% |
| 999300 | Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals | 3,417 | 3,482 | **65** | 1.90% |
| 423000 | Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods | 1,092 | 1,151 | **59** | 5.40% |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 203 | 260 | **57** | 28.08% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 203 | 260 | 57 | **28.08%** |
| 562000 | Waste Management and Remediation Services | 505 | 631 | 126 | **24.95%** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,762 | 1,986 | 224 | **12.71%** |
| 336000 | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 418 | 469 | 51 | **12.20%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 134 | 148 | 14 | **10.45%** |
| 425000 | Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers | 261 | 286 | 25 | **9.58%** |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 2,340 | 2,536 | 196 | **8.38%** |
| 323000 | Printing and Related Support Activities | 77 | 83 | 6 | **7.79%** |
| 339000 | Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 82 | 88 | 6 | **7.32%** |
| 423000 | Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods | 1,092 | 1,151 | 59 | **5.40%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 322000 | Paper Manufacturing | 1,251 | 1,080 | **-171** | -13.67% |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 4,350 | 4,233 | **-117** | -2.69% |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 678 | 590 | **-88** | -12.98% |
| 622000 | Hospitals | 1,705 | 1,624 | **-81** | -4.75% |
| 611000 | Educational Services | 8,266 | 8,211 | **-55** | -0.67% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 322000 | Paper Manufacturing | 1,251 | 1,080 | -171 | **-13.67%** |
| 213000 | Support Activities for Mining | 678 | 590 | -88 | **-12.98%** |
| 515000 | Broadcasting (except Internet) | 117 | 106 | -11 | **-9.40%** |
| 237000 | Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction | 402 | 366 | -36 | **-8.96%** |
| 451000 | Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores | 149 | 138 | -11 | **-7.38%** |

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2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **90,214** | **91,516** | **1,302** | **1.44%** | **837** | **2,098** | **2,935** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 9,205 | 9,360 | 155 | 1.68% | 81 | 174 | 255 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 2,020 | 2,039 | 19 | 0.94% | 12 | 42 | 54 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 408 | 406 | -2 | -0.49% | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 1,186 | 1,196 | 10 | 0.84% | 8 | 29 | 37 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 589 | 593 | 4 | 0.68% | 4 | 18 | 22 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 1,863 | 1,907 | 44 | 2.36% | 22 | 38 | 60 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 288 | 290 | 2 | 0.69% | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 5,066 | 5,078 | 12 | 0.24% | 14 | 107 | 121 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 679 | 672 | -7 | -1.03% | 2 | 16 | 18 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 3,628 | 3,626 | -2 | -0.06% | 10 | 78 | 88 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 2,531 | 2,574 | 43 | 1.70% | 23 | 54 | 77 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 1,392 | 1,422 | 30 | 2.16% | 15 | 38 | 53 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 5,534 | 5,703 | 169 | 3.05% | 86 | 210 | 296 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 2,578 | 2,655 | 77 | 2.99% | 39 | 48 | 87 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 2,349 | 2,414 | 65 | 2.77% | 34 | 44 | 78 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 7,336 | 7,511 | 175 | 2.39% | 91 | 254 | 345 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 11,509 | 11,570 | 61 | 0.53% | 60 | 243 | 303 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 1,163 | 1,150 | -13 | -1.12% | 4 | 27 | 31 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 4,922 | 5,111 | 189 | 3.84% | 121 | 80 | 201 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 4,171 | 4,221 | 50 | 1.20% | 31 | 96 | 127 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 12,658 | 12,721 | 63 | 0.50% | 88 | 293 | 381 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 9,139 | 9,297 | 158 | 1.73% | 91 | 202 | 293 |

# Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

## Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 5,275 | 5,370 | **95** | 1.80% | 48 | 88 | 136 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 1,563 | 1,638 | **75** | 4.80% | 38 | 61 | 99 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,775 | 1,831 | **56** | 3.15% | 28 | 55 | 83 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 1,402 | 1,457 | **55** | 3.92% | 28 | 30 | 58 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 1,872 | 1,925 | **53** | 2.83% | 26 | 70 | 96 |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 3,377 | 3,430 | **53** | 1.57% | 26 | 54 | 80 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,008 | 1,056 | **48** | 4.76% | 24 | 6 | 30 |
| 47-2111 | Electricians | 558 | 599 | **41** | 7.35% | 20 | 8 | 28 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,357 | 2,397 | **40** | 1.70% | 20 | 120 | 140 |
| 37-2011 | Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 1,227 | 1,261 | **34** | 2.77% | 17 | 22 | 39 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 47-3013 | Helpers--Electricians | 96 | 105 | 9 | **9.38%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 53-7081 | Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors | 180 | 195 | 15 | **8.33%** | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 47-2021 | Brickmasons and Blockmasons | 74 | 80 | 6 | **8.11%** | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 47-2111 | Electricians | 558 | 599 | 41 | **7.35%** | 20 | 8 | 28 |
| 51-4041 | Machinists | 263 | 282 | 19 | **7.22%** | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| 47-2152 | Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters | 403 | 429 | 26 | **6.45%** | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| 11-3011 | Administrative Services Managers | 109 | 116 | 7 | **6.42%** | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 386 | 408 | 22 | **5.70%** | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| 43-5111 | Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping | 91 | 96 | 5 | **5.49%** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 47-2051 | Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers | 91 | 96 | 5 | **5.49%** | 2 | 1 | 3 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,357 | 2,397 | 40 | 1.70% | 20 | 120 | **140** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 5,275 | 5,370 | 95 | 1.80% | 48 | 88 | **136** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 1,563 | 1,638 | 75 | 4.80% | 38 | 61 | **99** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 1,872 | 1,925 | 53 | 2.83% | 26 | 70 | **96** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,775 | 1,831 | 56 | 3.15% | 28 | 55 | **83** |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 3,377 | 3,430 | 53 | 1.57% | 26 | 54 | **80** |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 905 | 936 | 31 | 3.43% | 16 | 48 | **64** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 2,305 | 2,334 | 29 | 1.26% | 14 | 48 | **62** |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 1,402 | 1,457 | 55 | 3.92% | 28 | 30 | **58** |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers | 1,280 | 1,311 | 31 | 2.42% | 16 | 29 | **45** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 673 | 646 | **-27** | -4.01% | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| 47-5071 | Roustabouts, Oil and Gas | 181 | 156 | **-25** | -13.81% | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 47-5013 | Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining | 185 | 166 | **-19** | -10.27% | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 51-3022 | Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers | 746 | 730 | **-16** | -2.14% | 0 | 14 | 14 |
| 51-9041 | Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 287 | 271 | **-16** | -5.57% | 0 | 10 | 10 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 47-5071 | Roustabouts, Oil and Gas | 181 | 156 | -25 | **-13.81%** | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 51-9196 | Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 57 | 51 | -6 | **-10.53%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 47-5013 | Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining | 185 | 166 | -19 | **-10.27%** | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 51-5112 | Printing Press Operators | 78 | 70 | -8 | **-10.26%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 53-7073 | Wellhead Pumpers | 88 | 81 | -7 | **-7.95%** | 0 | 3 | 3 |

# SEWIASoutheast Arkansas

Several attractions can be found in the Southeast Arkansas WDA. In Gillett, the Arkansas Post Museum, the first capital of the Arkansas Territory, explores the history of and life on the Grand Prairie and the Delta. Lake Chicot, near Lake Village, is Arkansas’s largest natural lake and the largest natural oxbow lake in the nation, offering excellent fishing opportunities. The Arkansas River flows into the Mississippi River near Arkansas City, while Stuttgart is home to the World Championship Duck Calling Contest each fall.

The Southeast Arkansas 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.

Two campuses of the University of Arkansas system are in the Area, one in Pine Bluff, and the other in Monticello. Southeast Arkansas College, a two-year institution, is also located in Pine Bluff. Two campuses of Phillips County Community College, affiliated with the University of Arkansas System, are located in the Arkansas County cities of Stuttgart and DeWitt. This gives students a variety of choices for their academic studies.

The Southeast Arkansas WDA is expected to gain 842 jobs between 2015 and 2017. Goods-Producing industries are projected to gain 244 net jobs, while the Services-Providing industries are predicted to experience a gain of 589. The Area is predicted to experience a small net gain of nine Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers.

**Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** is projected to be the top growing supersector with 284 new jobs between 2015 and 2017. Driving this growth is *Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music* Stores, which is expected to be the fastest growing occupation in Southeast Arkansas at a rate of 20.48 percent. In all, five industries in this supersector are in the Top 10 Fastest Growing Industries list combining for 144 new jobs. *Social Assistance,* of the**Education and Health Services**supersector, is predicted to be the top growing industry adding 150 jobs to its workforce. **Leisure and Hospitality** is forecast to be the fastest growing supersector with a growth of 3.12 percent. **Financial Activities** could lose the most jobs among the supersectors with a loss of 79 jobs, while **Information**could be the fastest declining supersector with a loss of 15.08 percent of its workforce. *Telecommunications* could be the fastest declining industry losing an anticipated 29.69 percent of its workforce, while *Federal Government, Excluding Post Office* could lose the most jobs with a decline of 128.

Southeast Arkansas WDA employment is expected to increase by 1.06 percent between 2015 and 2017. There are 2,515 job openings projected to be available annually between 2015 and 2017. Of these, 670 would be for growth and expansion, while 1,845 would be for replacement. **Sales and Related Occupations** is expected to be the top growing major group gaining 161 jobs during the projection period, while **Community and Social Service Occupations** could be the fastest growing major group increasing by 3.44 percent. *Team Assemblers*, of the **Production Occupations** major group, is predicted to be the top growing occupation in the Area gaining 71 new jobs between 2015 and 2017. *Cargo and Freight Agents*, of the **Office and Administrative Support Occupations** major group, is projected to be the fastest growing occupation, increasing employment by 8.82 percent. On the negative side of the local economy, *Tellers* is estimated to lose the most jobs with an anticipated loss of 39, while *Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers*, of the **Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations** major group, is forecast to be the fastest declining occupation losing 26.19 percent of its workforce.

# Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Area

## 2015-2017 Industry Projections by Major Division

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| **000000** | **Total All Industries** | **79,534** | **80,376** | **842** | **1.06%** |
| ***000671*** | ***Total Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs*** | ***7,525*** | ***7,534*** | ***9*** | ***0.12%*** |
| 006010 | Self Employed Workers, All Jobs | 7,201 | 7,219 | 18 | 0.25% |
| 007010 | Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs | 324 | 315 | -9 | -2.78% |
| 101000 | Goods Producing | 18,783 | 19,027 | 244 | 1.30% |
| **101100** | **Natural Resources and Mining** | **2,275** | **2,218** | **-57** | **-2.51%** |
| 110000 | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 2,225 | 2,158 | -67 | -3.01% |
| 210000 | Mining | 50 | 60 | 10 | 20.00% |
| **101200** | **Construction** | **2,104** | **2,133** | **29** | **1.38%** |
| **101300** | **Manufacturing** | **14,404** | **14,676** | **272** | **1.89%** |
|  | ***Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***8,417*** | ***8,409*** | ***-8*** | ***-0.10%*** |
|  | ***Durable Goods Manufacturing*** | ***5,987*** | ***6,267*** | ***280*** | ***4.68%*** |
| 102000 | Services Providing | 53,226 | 53,815 | 589 | 1.11% |
| **102100** | **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **12,580** | **12,864** | **284** | **2.26%** |
| 420000 | Wholesale Trade | 1,734 | 1,786 | 52 | 3.00% |
| 440000 | Retail Trade | 7,681 | 7,930 | 249 | 3.24% |
| 480000 | Transportation and Warehousing | 2,547 | 2,619 | 72 | 2.83% |
| 220000 | Utilities | 618 | 529 | -89 | -14.40% |
| **102200** | **Information** | **305** | **259** | **-46** | **-15.08%** |
| **102300** | **Financial Activities** | **2,481** | **2,402** | **-79** | **-3.18%** |
| 520000 | Finance and Insurance | 1,935 | 1,842 | -93 | -4.81% |
| 530000 | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 546 | 560 | 14 | 2.56% |
| **102400** | **Professional and Business Services** | **3,024** | **3,076** | **52** | **1.72%** |
| 540000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 878 | 835 | -43 | -4.90% |
| 550000 | Management of Companies and Enterprises | 344 | 353 | 9 | 2.62% |
| 560000 | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 1,802 | 1,888 | 86 | 4.77% |
| **102500** | **Education and Health Services** | **18,909** | **19,127** | **218** | **1.15%** |
| 610000 | Educational Services | 7,818 | 7,847 | 29 | 0.37% |
| 620000 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 11,091 | 11,280 | 189 | 1.70% |
| **102600** | **Leisure and Hospitality** | **4,394** | **4,531** | **137** | **3.12%** |
| 710000 | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 209 | 209 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 720000 | Accommodation and Food Services | 4,185 | 4,322 | 137 | 3.27% |
| **102700** | **Other Services (except Government)** | **2,383** | **2,444** | **61** | **2.56%** |
| **102800** | **Government** | **9,150** | **9,112** | **-38** | **-0.42%** |

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## Industry Rankings (by NAICS Subsector)

### Top 10 Growing Industries (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 624000 | Social Assistance | 3,330 | 3,480 | **150** | 4.50% |
| 722000 | Food Services and Drinking Places | 3,752 | 3,890 | **138** | 3.68% |
| 321000 | Wood Product Manufacturing | 1,576 | 1,704 | **128** | 8.12% |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 1,479 | 1,603 | **124** | 8.38% |
| 452000 | General Merchandise Stores | 2,203 | 2,306 | **103** | 4.68% |
| 311000 | Food Manufacturing | 3,311 | 3,411 | **100** | 3.02% |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,704 | 1,790 | **86** | 5.05% |
| 813000 | Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations | 1,384 | 1,450 | **66** | 4.77% |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 706 | 762 | **56** | 7.93% |
| 238000 | Specialty Trade Contractors | 1,167 | 1,218 | **51** | 4.37% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 451000 | Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores | 210 | 253 | 43 | **20.48%** |
| 326000 | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing | 516 | 566 | 50 | **9.69%** |
| 333000 | Machinery Manufacturing | 1,479 | 1,603 | 124 | **8.38%** |
| 443000 | Electronics and Appliance Stores | 172 | 186 | 14 | **8.14%** |
| 321000 | Wood Product Manufacturing | 1,576 | 1,704 | 128 | **8.12%** |
| 488000 | Support Activities for Transportation | 706 | 762 | 56 | **7.93%** |
| 339000 | Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 91 | 97 | 6 | **6.59%** |
| 485000 | Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation | 77 | 82 | 5 | **6.49%** |
| 561000 | Administrative and Support Services | 1,704 | 1,790 | 86 | **5.05%** |
| 444000 | Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers | 536 | 562 | 26 | **4.85%** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 999100 | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office | 1,609 | 1,481 | **-128** | -7.96% |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 1,518 | 1,413 | **-105** | -6.92% |
| 221000 | Utilities | 618 | 529 | **-89** | -14.40% |
| 322000 | Paper Manufacturing | 3,361 | 3,302 | **-59** | -1.76% |
| 541000 | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 878 | 835 | **-43** | -4.90% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Code** | **NAICS Title** | **2015 Estimated Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** |
| 517000 | Telecommunications | 128 | 90 | -38 | **-29.69%** |
| 323000 | Printing and Related Support Activities | 29 | 24 | -5 | **-17.24%** |
| 221000 | Utilities | 618 | 529 | -89 | **-14.40%** |
| 999100 | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office | 1,609 | 1,481 | -128 | **-7.96%** |
| 522000 | Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 1,518 | 1,413 | -105 | **-6.92%** |

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## 2015-2017 Occupational Projections by Major Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| **00-0000** | **Total, All Occupations** | **79,534** | **80,376** | **842** | **1.06%** | **670** | **1,845** | **2,515** |
| 11-0000 | Management Occupations | 7,648 | 7,660 | 12 | 0.16% | 16 | 144 | 160 |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 1,860 | 1,843 | -17 | -0.91% | 4 | 34 | 38 |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical Occupations | 393 | 388 | -5 | -1.27% | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering Occupations | 504 | 500 | -4 | -0.79% | 5 | 11 | 16 |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations | 834 | 796 | -38 | -4.56% | 1 | 24 | 25 |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service Occupations | 1,743 | 1,803 | 60 | 3.44% | 30 | 36 | 66 |
| 23-0000 | Legal Occupations | 350 | 347 | -3 | -0.86% | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 25-0000 | Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 4,657 | 4,695 | 38 | 0.82% | 20 | 96 | 116 |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations | 521 | 520 | -1 | -0.19% | 4 | 12 | 16 |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 4,211 | 4,244 | 33 | 0.78% | 22 | 87 | 109 |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support Occupations | 3,017 | 3,071 | 54 | 1.79% | 29 | 64 | 93 |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service Occupations | 3,153 | 3,196 | 43 | 1.36% | 22 | 82 | 104 |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations | 4,815 | 4,959 | 144 | 2.99% | 73 | 184 | 257 |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations | 1,885 | 1,908 | 23 | 1.22% | 13 | 35 | 48 |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service Occupations | 2,891 | 2,968 | 77 | 2.66% | 42 | 53 | 95 |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related Occupations | 6,534 | 6,695 | 161 | 2.46% | 83 | 232 | 315 |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 9,945 | 9,933 | -12 | -0.12% | 44 | 206 | 250 |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations | 2,002 | 1,966 | -36 | -1.80% | 3 | 47 | 50 |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction Occupations | 2,743 | 2,758 | 15 | 0.55% | 14 | 44 | 58 |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 4,137 | 4,185 | 48 | 1.16% | 44 | 95 | 139 |
| 51-0000 | Production Occupations | 10,143 | 10,287 | 144 | 1.42% | 136 | 220 | 356 |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 5,548 | 5,654 | 106 | 1.91% | 60 | 130 | 190 |

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## Occupational Rankings

### Top 10 Growing Occupations (Ranked by Net Growth)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 1,115 | 1,186 | **71** | 6.37% | 36 | 24 | 60 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 1,873 | 1,939 | **66** | 3.52% | 33 | 70 | 103 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 1,360 | 1,419 | **59** | 4.34% | 30 | 8 | 38 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 1,185 | 1,240 | **55** | 4.64% | 28 | 46 | 74 |
| 31-1011 | Home Health Aides | 1,157 | 1,201 | **44** | 3.80% | 22 | 24 | 46 |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,101 | 2,145 | **44** | 2.09% | 22 | 106 | 128 |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,351 | 1,388 | **37** | 2.74% | 18 | 42 | 60 |
| 51-4121 | Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 485 | 518 | **33** | 6.80% | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 567 | 598 | **31** | 5.47% | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| 43-5081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 651 | 679 | **28** | 4.30% | 14 | 22 | 36 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-5011 | Cargo and Freight Agents | 68 | 74 | 6 | **8.82%** | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 51-7042 | Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing | 152 | 164 | 12 | **7.89%** | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 51-7041 | Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood | 123 | 132 | 9 | **7.32%** | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 51-4121 | Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 485 | 518 | 33 | **6.80%** | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 1,115 | 1,186 | 71 | **6.37%** | 36 | 24 | 60 |
| 49-9043 | Maintenance Workers, Machinery | 82 | 87 | 5 | **6.10%** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 35-2014 | Cooks, Restaurant | 567 | 598 | 31 | **5.47%** | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| 47-2171 | Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers | 93 | 98 | 5 | **5.38%** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 29-2052 | Pharmacy Technicians | 204 | 214 | 10 | **4.90%** | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 53-3041 | Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs | 124 | 130 | 6 | **4.84%** | 3 | 2 | 5 |

### Top 10 Occupations by Total Annual Openings (Top 10)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 2,101 | 2,145 | 44 | 2.09% | 22 | 106 | **128** |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 1,873 | 1,939 | 66 | 3.52% | 33 | 70 | **103** |
| 11-9013 | Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 4,432 | 4,429 | -3 | -0.07% | 0 | 74 | **74** |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 1,185 | 1,240 | 55 | 4.64% | 28 | 46 | **74** |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 1,115 | 1,186 | 71 | 6.37% | 36 | 24 | **60** |
| 53-7062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,351 | 1,388 | 37 | 2.74% | 18 | 42 | **60** |
| 33-3012 | Correctional Officers and Jailers | 1,748 | 1,769 | 21 | 1.20% | 10 | 48 | **58** |
| 43-9061 | Office Clerks, General | 1,958 | 1,975 | 17 | 0.87% | 8 | 42 | **50** |
| 31-1011 | Home Health Aides | 1,157 | 1,201 | 44 | 3.80% | 22 | 24 | **46** |
| 39-9011 | Childcare Workers | 963 | 983 | 20 | 2.08% | 10 | 30 | **40** |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 427 | 388 | **-39** | -9.13% | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| 51-4031 | Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic | 559 | 540 | **-19** | -3.40% | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| 45-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers | 351 | 337 | **-14** | -3.99% | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| 43-3031 | Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | 749 | 736 | **-13** | -1.74% | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| 51-9196 | Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 863 | 850 | **-13** | -1.51% | 0 | 15 | 15 |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOC Code** | **SOC Title** | **2015 Estimated**  **Employment** | **2017 Projected Employment** | **Net Growth** | **Percent Growth** | **Annual Openings- Growth** | **Annual Openings- Replacements** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| 49-2022 | Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers | 42 | 31 | -11 | **-26.19%** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43-4141 | New Accounts Clerks | 39 | 35 | -4 | **-10.26%** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 43-3071 | Tellers | 427 | 388 | -39 | **-9.13%** | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| 45-2011 | Agricultural Inspectors | 52 | 48 | -4 | **-7.69%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 43-5041 | Meter Readers, Utilities | 57 | 53 | -4 | **-7.02%** | 0 | 2 | 2 |