### LABOR MARKET INFORMATION
(2018, Non-seasonally-adjusted)

Website: discover.arkansas.gov

#### LABOR FORCE DATA

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<tr>
<td>Year-over Annual Job Growth</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>Annual Average Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<td>Annual Average Labor Force</td>
<td>1,351,496</td>
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<td>Annual Labor Force Participation Rate</td>
<td>57.8%</td>
<td>62.9%</td>
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<td>Year-over Average Wage Growth</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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#### KEY INDUSTRIES
(Top 3 industries for average annual job growth at the super sector level)

- **Other Services**: 5.7%
- **Manufacturing**: 2.0%
- **Financial Activities**: 1.7%

#### EDUCATION LEVELS*
(Age 25 and older)

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<th>Education Level</th>
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<td>Less than high school</td>
<td>13.3%</td>
<td>12.0%</td>
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<td>High school</td>
<td>34.0%</td>
<td>27.1%</td>
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<td>Some college/Associate degree</td>
<td>29.2%</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree +</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
<td>32.0%</td>
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*American Community Survey (ACS) educational attainment data
ARKANSAS DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

Programs within Agency
- Discretionary Grants
  - Reemployment Systems Integration
  - Arkansas Apprenticeship Pathway Initiative (AAPI)
  - ApprenticeshipUSA State Accelerator Grant
  - State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant (SAE)
- Labor Market Information
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance (UI)
- Veterans Employment and Training Services
- Wagner-Peyser (WP)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
  - Adult (A)
  - Dislocated Worker (DW)
  - Youth (Y)

WIOA Core Programs: Administering Agencies
- Arkansas Division of Workforce Services – Administers WIOA (A, DW, Y), Adult Education (AE) and Family Literacy, WP and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs

Approval of Apprenticeships
- Federal

Local Regions Governance
- Local entity oversees workforce personnel and training

NUMBER OF AMERICAN JOB CENTERS
(One-stop centers)

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<th>Comprehensive Centers</th>
<th>Affiliate Centers</th>
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<td>10</td>
<td>27</td>
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TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY ARKANSAS’ WORKFORCE SERVICES*

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<th>Total Served</th>
<th>WIOA (A, DW, Y, VR, AE)</th>
<th>WP</th>
<th>WP-Self Served (Individuals using online services)</th>
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<td>261,836</td>
<td>38,984</td>
<td>110,266</td>
<td>112,586</td>
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*See participant definitions under “Programs within Agency”

UNEMPLOYMENT DATA*

Duration Rate
The average number of weeks people receive unemployment insurance.

11.2 weeks
Arkansas
15.0 weeks
National

Exhaustion Rate
The percentage of individuals receiving unemployment benefits who use all the eligible weeks without finding new employment.

33.3%
Arkansas
34.6%
National

*U.S. Department of Labor unemployment insurance national data

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION: OUR HOUSE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
The state approved a work experience program that funds a partnership effort between the Our House homeless shelter and the Little Rock Workforce Development Board. Thirty homeless or near-homeless clients obtain work experience at one of Our House’s two “resale stores.”

To learn more, visit ourhouseshelter.org/category/news.

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION: BUSINESS ACTIVITY BY AREA
Arkansas’ business activity tool uses Tableau to show the impact from expansions, business openings, layoffs and closures. A user can identify areas of the state affected by openings and expansions versus closures and layoffs.

To learn more, visit discover.arkansas.gov/employment/business-activity-by-area.

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