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WORKFORCE INFORMATION



ARKANSAS LAUNCH

Arkansas LAUNCH is a free, state-run website connecting jobseekers and employers that focuses on skills-based hiring and personalized career paths while helping UI claimants manage and track work search activities. The platform was created in partnership with the nonprofit RIPL, Walmart and Google.org and launched February 2025 by Governor Sanders. launch.arkansas.gov



STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY ACT

In March 2025, the Arkansas General Assembly passed legislation establishing the State Apprenticeship Agency Act (Act 695). This designates Workforce Connections as Arkansas' official State Apprenticeship Agency and grants it the authority to register and oversee apprenticeship programs while allowing it to better tailor programs to meet workforce needs.



LABOR FORCE DATASET

The Division of Workforce Policy & Innovation created a labor force dataset in partnership with the Arkansas GIS Office to produce custom maps for communities and regions. The data layer shows the total civilian labor force, number of employed and unemployed, and the unemployment rate for each county in Arkansas.

Online Resources: dws.arkansas.gov | discover.arkansas.gov

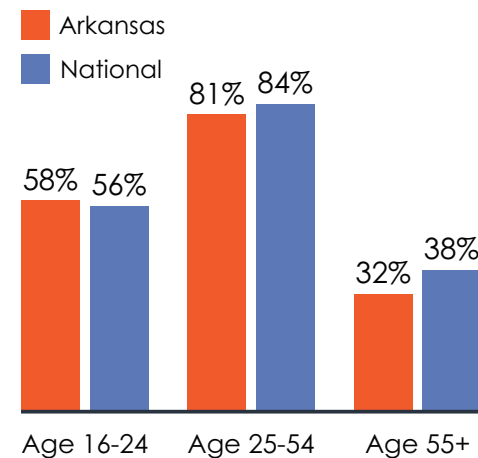
LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

(Age 16 & older)

	Arkansas	National
Employment (April 2024-April 2025 change)	+1.4%	+1.1%
Unemployment Rate, 2024 annual average	3.5%	4.0%
Labor Force, 2024 annual average	1,409,000	
Unemployed Persons per Job Opening, 2024 annual average	0.6	0.9
Average Hourly Earnings (May 2024-April 2025)	\$29.15	\$35.54
Average Hourly Earnings (April 2024-April 2025 change)	+4.1%	+3.9%

Source: USDOL-BLS, LAUS and CES, using preliminary April data

ANNUAL LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE



Source: USDOL-BLS, CPS (2024 Annual Average)

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

Programs within Agency

Workforce Connections

- AE
- Apprenticeship and Training Grants
- Career Readiness Certificates
- Division of Services for the Blind (VR)
- Federal Bonding Program
- FLC
- Jobs for Veterans State Grants Program
- MSFW Program
- Rapid Response
- Rehabilitation Services (VR)

- TAA
- WIOA – A, DW, & Y
- WOTC
- WP Employment Services

Workforce Policy & Innovation

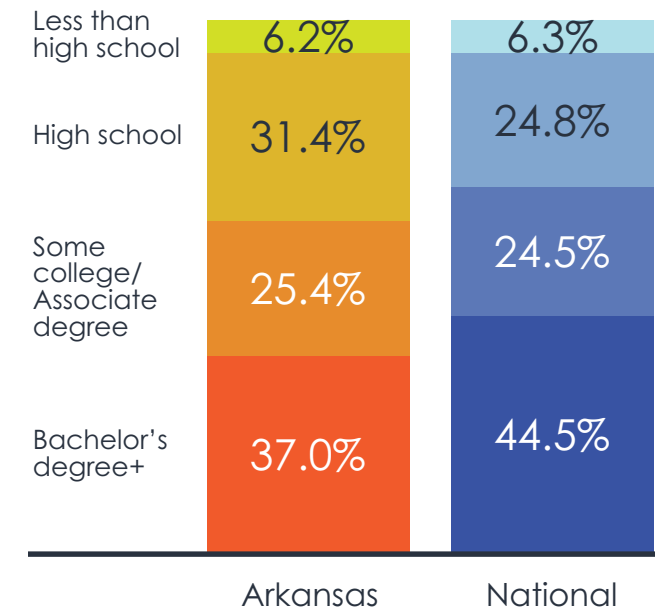
- LMI and BLS Programs

Re-Employment

- New Hire Registry
- RESEA Program
- Shared Work Program
- UI

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

(Age 25 & older)



Source: USDOL-BLS, CPS (2024 Annual Average, using preliminary April data)

WIOA Core Programs: Administering Agencies

- Arkansas Workforce Connections – WIOA Title I, AE, WP, VR

NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKFORCE AREAS

AMERICAN JOB CENTERS

Source: 2024 WIOA State Plan. CareerOneStop American Job Center Finder



PARTICIPANTS SERVED BY ARKANSAS' WORKFORCE SERVICES



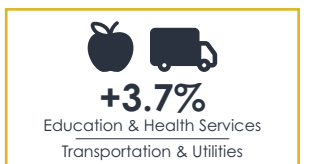
Source: USDOL-ETA, PY23 Performance Data (dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/results)

KEY INDUSTRIES

MOST JOBS ADDED



FASTEST GROWING



Source: BLS, Current Employment Statistics (April 2024 - April 2025)

UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

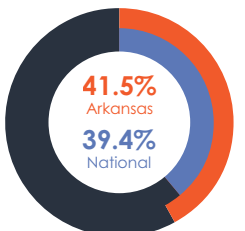
Average Duration

The average number of weeks people receive unemployment insurance.



Exhaustion Rate

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



Source: USDOL-ETA Quarter 4 – 2024