

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arkansas Employment Outlook

2020-2030



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Arkansas Fastest Growing Occupations 2020-2030			Arkansas Occupations Adding the Most Jobs 2020-2030			Arkansas Occupations with Most Projected Annual Average Job Openings 2020-2030		
Occupations	Percent Change	Annual Average Wage	Occupations	Projected New Jobs	Annual Average Wage	Occupations	Total Annual Job Openings	Annual Average Wage
Nurse Practitioners	54.04%	\$107,080	Fast Food and Counter Workers	6,590	\$24,290	Fast Food and Counter Workers	8,699	\$24,290
Cooks, Restaurant	51.77%	\$26,720	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	6,445	\$25,030	Retail Salespersons	5,504	\$28,800
Fundraisers	47.60%	\$60,210	Cooks, Restaurant	4,803	\$26,720	Cashiers	4,878	\$24,620
Occupational Therapy Assistants	43.70%	\$67,490	Waiters and Waitresses	3,626	\$23,910	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4,690	\$49,090
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	43.31%	\$24,140	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,056	\$49,090	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4,186	\$56,610
Operations Research Analysts	38.74%	\$66,420	Stockers and Order Fillers	2,699	\$29,560	Waiters and Waitresses	3,993	\$23,910
Speech-Language Pathologists	38.69%	\$77,240	General and Operations Managers	2,699	\$85,080	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	3,674	\$25,030
Physical Therapist Assistants	37.26%	\$58,020	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	2,384	\$32,250	Stockers and Order Fillers	3,600	\$29,560
Tour and Travel Guides	36.76%	\$30,590	Registered Nurses	2,344	\$65,810	Office Clerks, General	3,125	\$33,920
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	36.44%	\$32,130	Insurance Sales Agents	2,002	\$60,640	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3,082	\$26,690