

Manufacturing (101300)

The **Manufacturing** supersector is forecast to experience a net gain of 5,945 jobs during the 2018-2020 projection period, or 3.72 percent growth.

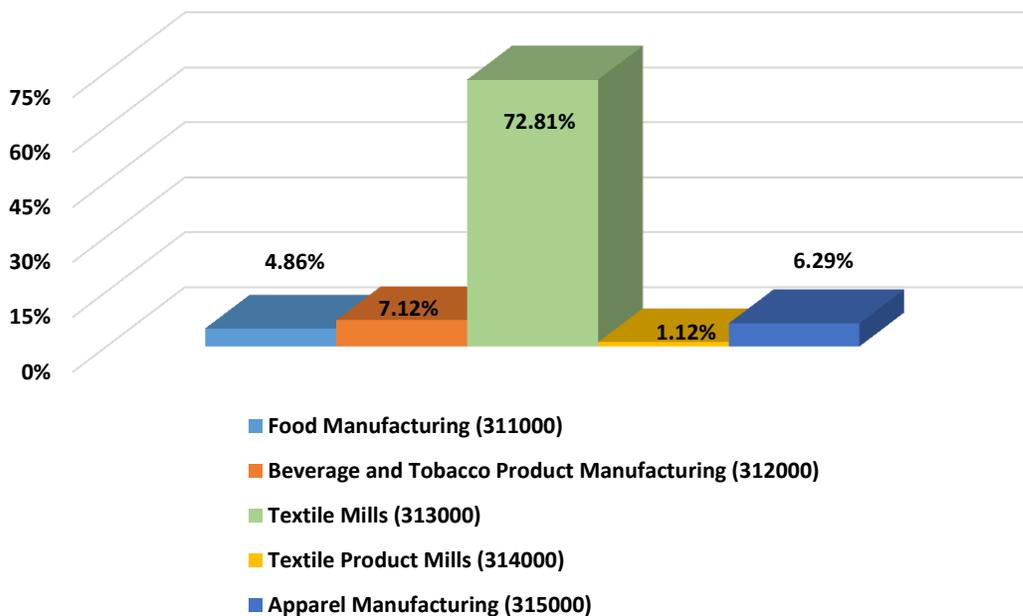
Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing is set to add 3,535 jobs, an increase of 4.21 percent. The top growing subsector among **Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing** is **Food Manufacturing**, which is predicted to add 2,354 jobs to its

workforce, nearly two-thirds of the overall growth among Non-Durable Goods industries. Driving this growth is Animal Slaughtering and Processing with an expected gain of 1,854 jobs, placing the industry fourth in the state on the Top 20 Growing Industries by Numeric Change. Animal Food Manufacturing is estimated to add 196 jobs, placing twelfth on the Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries by Percent Change list. **Textile Mills** could be the fastest growing subsector in **Manufacturing** with a 72.81 percent gain. On the negative side of the economy, **Printing and Related Support Activities** is slated to decrease employment by 100 jobs, or 2.55 percent of its workforce. Apparel Knitting Mills, also declining by 100 jobs, is projected to be the second fastest declining industry in the state, losing 17.18 percent of its workforce

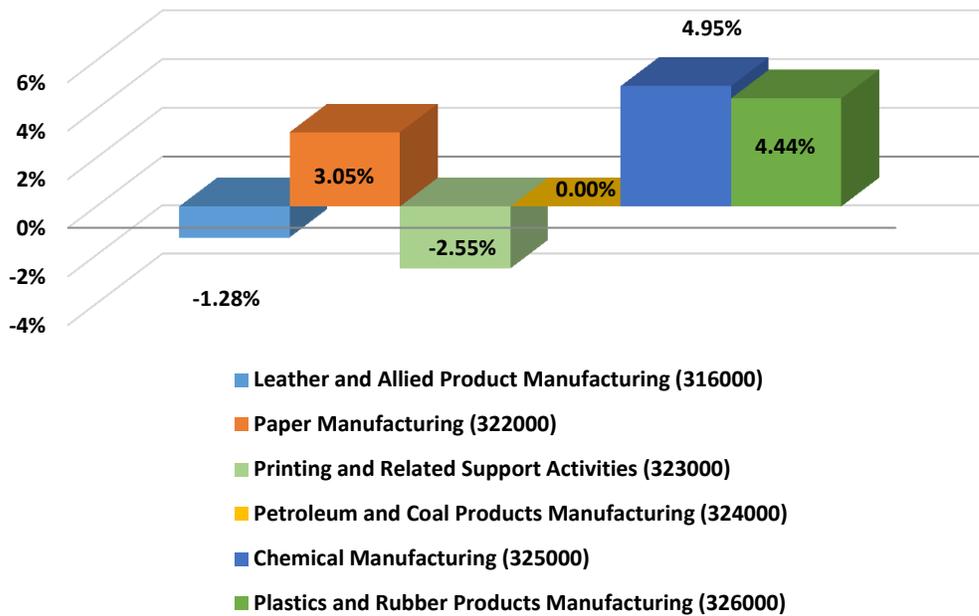
SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2018-2020

2-Year Historical (2016-2018) Growth Rate: 3.56%
2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 3.72%

Percent Growth by Subsector
Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 1



Percent Growth by Subsector Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 2



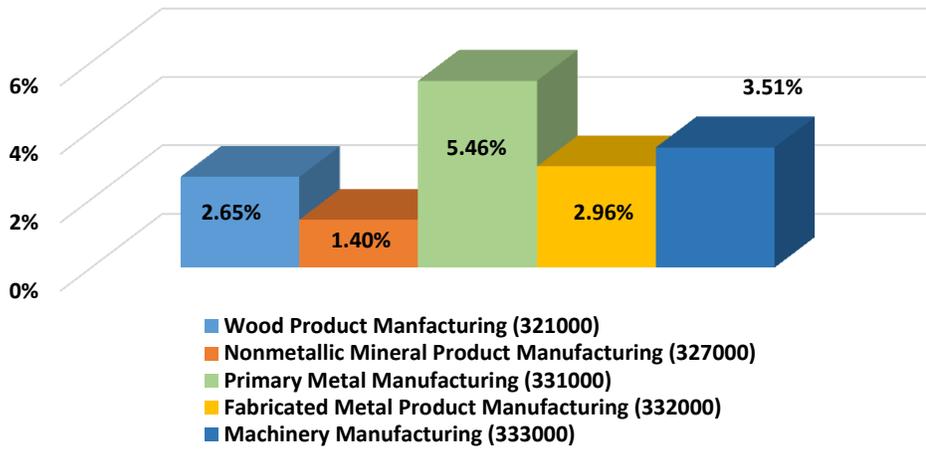
Workforce Development Area Outlook Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing

Workforce Development Area	2018 Estimated Employment	2020 Projected Employment	Net Change	Percent Change
Northwest Arkansas	23,330	24,687	1,357	5.82%
North Central Arkansas	3,737	3,900	163	4.36%
Northeast Arkansas	7,443	7,738	295	3.96%
Western Arkansas	12,067	12,601	534	4.43%
West Central Arkansas	8,915	9,423	508	5.70%
Central Arkansas	3,942	3,926	-16	-0.41%
City of Little Rock	3,251	3,403	152	4.68%
Eastern Arkansas	1,952	1,943	-9	-0.46%
Southwest Arkansas	10,795	11,136	341	3.16%
Southeast Arkansas	8,388	8,576	188	2.24%

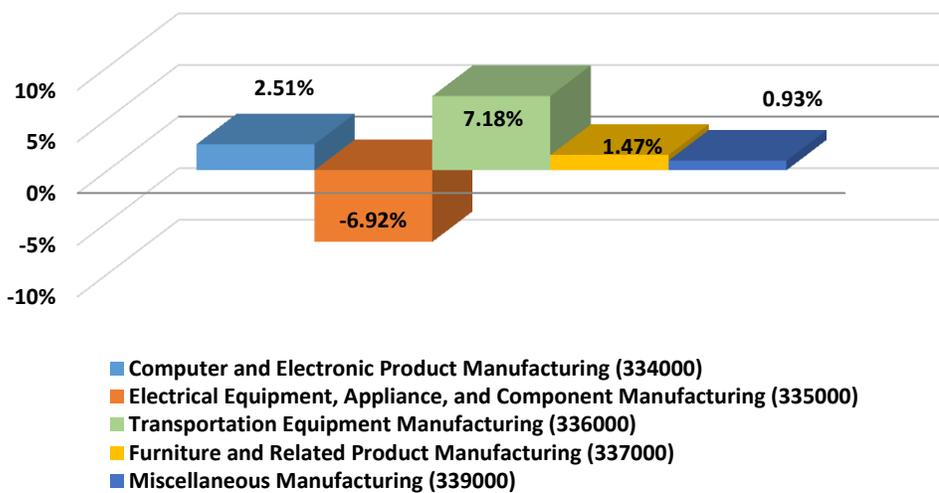
Durable Goods Manufacturing is projected to experience a net gain of 2,410 jobs during the projection period, a 3.18 percent change. *Transportation Equipment Manufacturing* is forecast to be the top and fastest growing subsector among Durable Goods industries with a gain of 997 jobs, an increase of 7.18 percent. Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing is predicted to increase employment by 13.13 percent between 2018 and 2020, placing among the five fastest growing industries by percent change in the state. Two other industries in this sector are included in the Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list. Steel Product Manufacturing from Purchased Steel, as well as, Ship and Boat Building, are each predicted to grow by more than 9.50 percent. On the negative side of the economy, Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing is slated to lose 325 jobs, or 6.92 percent of its

workforce. Driving the decline is Electrical Equipment Manufacturing, which is predicted to lose 248 jobs, or 7.98 percent of its workforce, becoming the fourth highest declining industry, in terms of numeric change, and placed among the top 10 on the Top 20 Fastest Declining Industries list. Nonferrous Metal (except Aluminum) Production and Processing is also forecast to be among the ten fastest declining industries in the state with an anticipated decline of 13.51 percent, placing third on the list. In all, six durable goods manufacturing industries are included in the Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list.

**Percent Growth by Subsector
Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 1**



**Percent Growth by Subsector
Durable Goods Manufacturing-Chart 2**



**Workforce Development Area Outlook
Durable Goods Manufacturing**

Workforce Development Area	2018 Estimated Employment	2020 Projected Employment	Net Change	Percent Change
Northwest Arkansas	13,030	13,617	587	4.50%
North Central Arkansas	4,696	5,018	322	6.86%
Northeast Arkansas	13,667	14,352	685	5.01%
Western Arkansas	8,850	8,777	-73	-0.82%
West Central Arkansas	7,304	7,494	190	2.60%
Central Arkansas	7,496	7,749	253	3.38%
City of Little Rock	4,501	4,590	89	1.98%
Southwest Arkansas	8,458	8,530	72	0.85%
Southeast Arkansas	6,168	6,454	286	4.64%