

Natural Resources and Mining (101100)

Employment in the **Natural Resources and Mining** supersector is projected to grow by 7.31 percent, or 1,979 jobs. The projected percent change would be the fastest among industry supersectors. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, farming employment grew nearly 20 percent from 2015-2017. Suggesting a potential increase in private farms and therefore an increase in employment.

The **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing,**

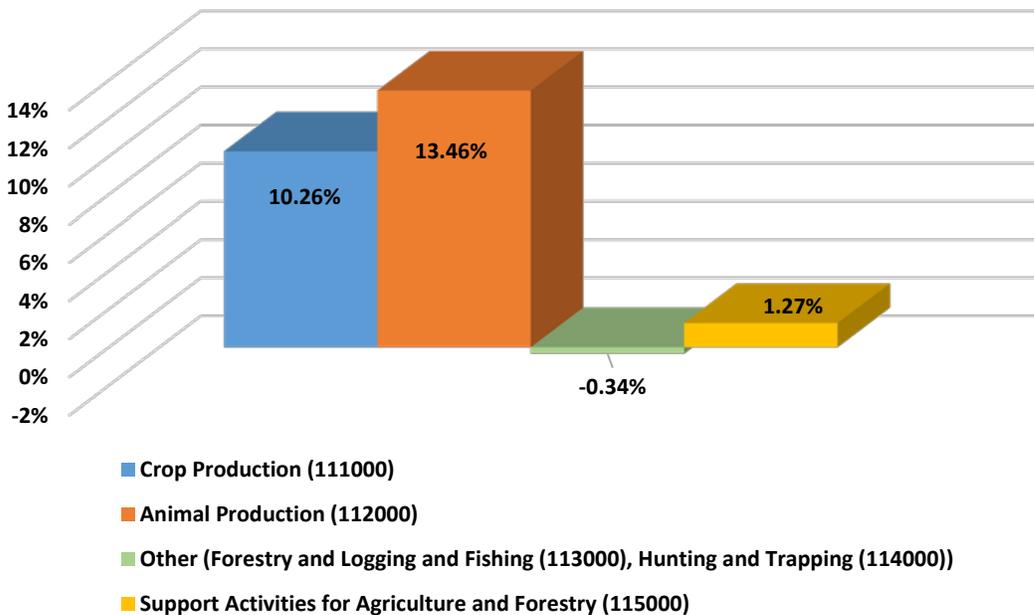
and Hunting sector is estimated to grow by 1,842, jobs, or 7.92 percent, the fastest among industry sectors. The top and fastest growing industry in this supersector is Animal Production, gaining 969 jobs, an increase of 13.46 percent, placing the industry eleventh overall in numeric change and fifth in percent change. Crop Production is also projected to see strong growth with a gain of 807, a 10.26 percent increase.

SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2018-2020

2-Year Historical (2016-2018) Growth Rate: -4.79%

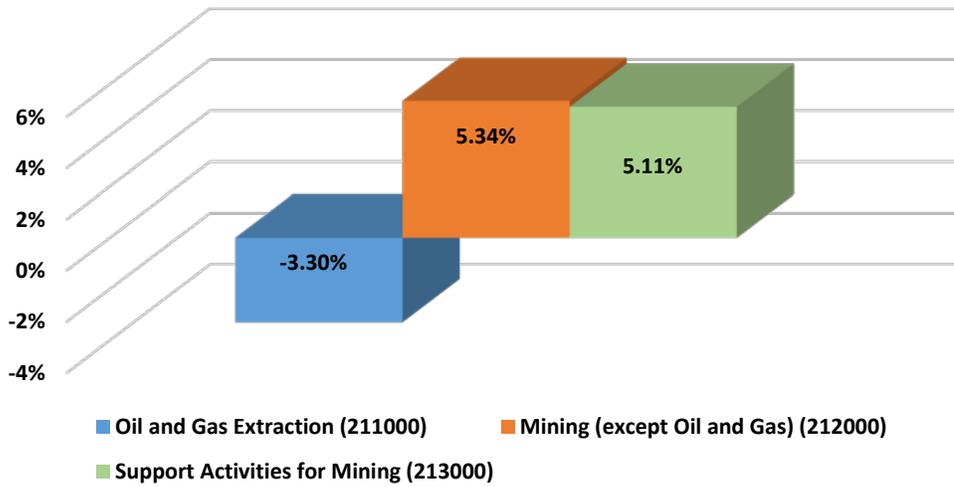
2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 7.31%

Percent Growth by Subsector
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting (110000)



The other side of this supersector, **Mining**, is showing some signs of recovery from recent declines. Overall, the industry sector is predicted to gain 137 jobs during the 2018-2020 projection period. The majority of the gain could come in the **Mining (except Oil and Gas)** subsector with a net gain of 92 jobs. Oil and Gas Extraction could lose 24 jobs, or 3.30 percent of its workforce.

Percent Growth by Subsector Mining (210000)



Workforce Development Area Outlook Natural Resources and Mining

Workforce Development Area	2018 Estimated Employment	2020 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Northwest Arkansas	3,428	3,768	340	9.92%
North Central Arkansas	2,773	3,217	444	16.01%
Northeast Arkansas	3,271	3,747	476	14.55%
Western Arkansas	2,272	2,380	108	4.75%
West Central Arkansas	4,064	4,312	248	6.10%
Central Arkansas	2,049	2,115	66	3.22%
City of Little Rock	458	516	58	12.66%
Eastern Arkansas	1,658	1,691	33	1.99%
Southwest Arkansas	3,161	3,203	42	1.33%
Southeast Arkansas	3,537	3,737	200	5.65%