**Education, Training, and Library Occupations** is projected to add 1,535 new jobs to the state economy, an increase of 1.89 percent. Of the 7,454 annual job openings, 3,354 are for those created from employees leaving the workforce, while 3,332 are from people changing jobs. Growth and expansion accounts for 768 annual openings.

**2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 1.89%  
Biggest Gain: Teacher Assistants (25-9041) – 158 jobs  
Fastest Gain: Curators (25-4012) – 5.66%   
Biggest and Fastest Loser: None**

**Short-Term Outlook 2018-2020**

**Education, Training, and Library Occupations (25-0000)**

The ***Postsecondary Teachers*** occupational family is anticipating 503 new jobs, an increase of 3.05 percent. Graduate Teaching Assistants is slated to be the top growing occupation adding 112 new jobs. Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary is slated to be the fastest growing occupation in this family with a gain of 4.85 percent. The occupational family is expecting around 1,502 annual job openings.

The ***Preschool, Primary, Secondary, and Special Education School Teachers*** is predicted to increase jobs by 426, an increase of 1.05 percent. Two occupations are anticipating more than 110 new jobs with Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education leading the occupational family with 120 new jobs. Special Education Teachers, Preschool is slated to be the fastest in this group with a 2.45 percent gain. Around 3,180 annual job openings are anticipated annually in the occupational family.

The ***Other Teachers and Instructors*** occupational family is estimated to increase employment by 358, or a gain of 4.55 percent. Self-Enrichment Education Teachers is forecast to have 36 new jobs added to the workforce. As a whole, the occupational family is expected to experience 1,045 annual job openings.

The ***Librarians, Curators, and Archivists*** occupational family is expected to add 40 jobs to its ranks between 2018 and 2020. Librarians should take the majority of that growth increasing employment by 23. The occupational family is estimated to have 221 job openings annually.

The final occupational family, ***Other Education, Training, and Library Occupations*,** is forecast to add 208 new jobs to its workforce, a 1.47 percent gain. Teacher Assistants is anticipated to lead the **Education, Training, and Library** **Occupations** major group in both numeric change and in the number of annual openings with 158 new jobs and 1,260 annual openings. Overall, the occupational family is estimated to have 1,506 annual job openings.

**Workforce Development Area Outlook  
Education, Training, and Library Occupations**

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| **Workforce Development Area** | **2018 Estimated Employment** | **2020 Projected Employment** | **Numeric Change** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Openings- Exits** | **Annual Openings- Transfers** | **Annual Openings- Change** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 19,066 | 19,681 | 615 | 3.23% | 780 | 790 | 308 | 1,878 |
| North Central Arkansas | 5,901 | 5,820 | -81 | -1.37% | 230 | 236 | -40 | 426 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 7,600 | 7,802 | 202 | 2.66% | 316 | 316 | 101 | 733 |
| Western Arkansas | 5,699 | 5,853 | 154 | 2.70% | 226 | 232 | 77 | 535 |
| West Central Arkansas | 7,699 | 8,080 | 381 | 4.95% | 315 | 316 | 190 | 821 |
| Central Arkansas | 10,311 | 10,577 | 266 | 2.58% | 426 | 426 | 133 | 985 |
| City of Little Rock | 9,096 | 9,098 | 2 | 0.02% | 371 | 368 | 1 | 740 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 3,069 | 2,960 | -109 | -3.55% | 114 | 118 | -54 | 178 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 5,754 | 5,831 | 77 | 1.34% | 232 | 234 | 38 | 504 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 5,119 | 5,018 | -101 | -1.97% | 202 | 206 | -50 | 358 |