**Arkansas Employment Outlook, 2022-2032**

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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 | 4,023 | $51,530 |
| Nursing Assistants | 2,500 | $32,050 |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | 1,393 | $43,170 |
| Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary | 1,281 | $34,320 |
| Licensed Practical and  Licensed Vocational Nurses | 927 | $49,360 |
| Medical Assistants | 683 | $35,560 |
| Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education | 619 | $35,880 |
| Automotive Service  Technicians and Mechanics | 606 | $45,010 |
| Dental Assistants | 514 | $40,440 |
| Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers | 387 | $49,340 |

\*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\*** |
| --- | --- |
| Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric | $346,677 |
| Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric | $296,403 |
| Physicians, Pathologists | $258,392 |
| Radiologists | $230,713 |
| Physicians, All Other | $221,686 |
| Psychiatrists | $211,527 |
| Dentists, All Other Specialists | $199,537 |
| Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates | $175,824 |
| General Internal Medicine Physicians | $175,810 |
| Dentists, General | $168,765 |

\*Experienced workers may earn considerably more. Wages are based on 2023 data.

Arkansas Fastest Growing Occupations 2022-2032

| **Occupations** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nurse Practitioners | 61.11% | $113,410 |
| Physician Assistants | 33.83% | $88,720 |
| Occupational Therapy  Assistants | 32.41% | $75,290 |
| Information Security Analysts | 32.35% | $93,150 |
| Software Developers | 31.97% | $88,130 |
| Medical and Health Services Managers | 31.14% | $97,250 |
| Labor Relations Specialists | 30.21% | $59,130 |
| Operations Research Analysts | 30.17% | $75,020 |
| Actuaries | 29.31% | N/A |
| Social Science Research  Assistants | 29.31% | $53,450 |

Arkansas Occupations Adding the Most Jobs 2022-2032

| **Occupations** | **Projected New Jobs** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Home Health and Personal Care Aides | 4,354 | $28,050 |
| Stockers and Order Fillers | 3,672 | $33,890 |
| General and Operations  Managers | 3,621 | $87,790 |
| Cooks, Restaurant | 2,984 | $30,000 |
| Registered Nurses | 2,162 | $72,900 |
| Medical and Health Services Managers | 2,081 | $97,250 |
| Fast Food and Counter  Workers | 1,916 | $26,850 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,880 | $34,980 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 1,834 | $113,410 |
| Retail Salespersons | 1,762 | $33,190 |

Arkansas Occupations with Most Projected Annual Average Job Openings 2022-2032

| **Occupations** | **Total Annual Job Openings** | **Annual Average Wage** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fast Food and Counter  Workers | 8,861 | $26,850 |
| Cashiers | 6,240 | $27,060 |
| Stockers and Order Fillers | 5,255 | $33,890 |
| Retail Salespersons | 4,964 | $33,190 |
| Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers | 4,075 | $59,700 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 4,059 | $34,980 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 4,023 | $51,530 |
| Home Health and Personal Care Aides | 3,734 | $28,050 |
| Office Clerks, General | 3,411 | $38,030 |
| General and Operations  Managers | 3,218 | $87,790 |