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# Economic Overview

## Little River County, Arkansas



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# Demographic Profile

The population in Little River County, Arkansas was 11,959 per American Community Survey data for 2019-2023.

The region has a civilian labor force of 5,538 with a participation rate of 57.8%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Little River County, Arkansas, 19.4% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in Little River County, Arkansas is \$52,241 and the median house value is \$113,400.

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Percent			Value		
	Little River County, Arkansas	Arkansas	USA	Little River County, Arkansas	Arkansas	USA
<b>Demographics</b>						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	11,959	3,032,651	332,387,540
Male	46.8%	49.3%	49.5%	5,600	1,495,958	164,545,087
Female	53.2%	50.7%	50.5%	6,359	1,536,693	167,842,453
Median Age <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	42.2	38.4	38.7
Under 18 Years	22.3%	23.3%	22.2%	2,661	705,879	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	7.0%	9.3%	9.1%	841	282,993	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	11.7%	12.9%	13.7%	1,403	392,110	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	12.5%	12.7%	13.1%	1,498	383,842	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	11.5%	11.8%	12.3%	1,380	358,972	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	13.7%	12.6%	12.8%	1,642	383,211	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	12.3%	10.2%	10.0%	1,469	309,671	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	8.9%	7.1%	6.8%	1,065	215,973	22,676,920
Race: White	72.9%	70.9%	63.4%	8,723	2,148,886	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	19.6%	14.9%	12.4%	2,340	452,127	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	1.0%	0.6%	0.9%	120	16,893	2,924,996
Race: Asian	0.2%	1.6%	5.8%	19	47,309	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0	12,040	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	1.0%	3.0%	6.6%	125	91,871	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	5.3%	8.7%	10.7%	632	263,525	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.7%	8.8%	19.0%	445	265,833	63,131,589
<b>Population Growth</b>						
Population (Pop Estimates) <sup>4</sup>	—	—	—	11,626	3,088,354	340,110,988
Population Annual Average Growth <sup>4</sup>	-0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	-89	11,960	2,172,466
People per Square Mile <sup>4</sup>	—	—	—	21.9	59.4	96.3
<b>Economic</b>						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	57.8%	58.2%	63.3%	5,538	1,399,009	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	83.5%	78.6%	83.0%	3,574	888,366	107,055,165
Work from Home	3.0%	7.8%	13.5%	149	102,122	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0	6,600	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	3.7%	4.9%	4.2%	248	88,069	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	52.0%	69.7%	77.0%	129	61,389	6,478,181
Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$52,241	\$58,773	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$28,791	\$33,147	\$43,289
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	29.4	22.3	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	0.0%	0.3%	3.5%	0	3,787	5,528,841
<b>Educational Attainment, Age 25-64</b>						
No High School Diploma	7.2%	10.6%	10.0%	425	161,596	17,176,172
High School Graduate	39.9%	33.3%	25.0%	2,365	505,629	43,057,491

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Percent			Value		
	Little River County, Arkansas	Arkansas	USA	Little River County, Arkansas	Arkansas	USA
	Some College, No Degree	24.5%	21.2%	19.3%	1,452	321,685
Associate's Degree	9.0%	8.8%	9.2%	534	132,851	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	13.7%	16.8%	22.8%	812	254,965	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	5.7%	9.3%	13.8%	335	141,409	23,764,438
<b>Housing</b>						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	6,071	1,382,664	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2,5</sup>	—	—	—	\$113,400	\$175,300	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	0.0%	1.3%	1.0%	0	10,238	850,724
Rental Vacancy	14.2%	6.5%	5.5%	158	28,282	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	20.0%	33.9%	35.0%	958	402,626	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	80.0%	66.1%	65.0%	3,832	786,534	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	5.7%	5.9%	8.3%	273	70,292	10,602,826
<b>Social</b>						
Poverty Level (of all people)	16.5%	16.0%	12.4%	1,927	471,783	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	9.8%	10.5%	11.8%	469	124,380	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	137	36,514	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	0.4%	3.2%	2.4%	2	5,252	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	44.1%	36.0%	34.0%	961	236,387	23,701,745
Uninsured	5.6%	9.0%	8.6%	666	267,717	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	13.7%	15.8%	10.7%	923	278,755	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	30.7%	39.4%	47.0%	283	109,932	10,001,264
Foreign Born	0.5%	5.2%	13.9%	58	158,219	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	0.4%	3.3%	8.4%	41	92,685	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

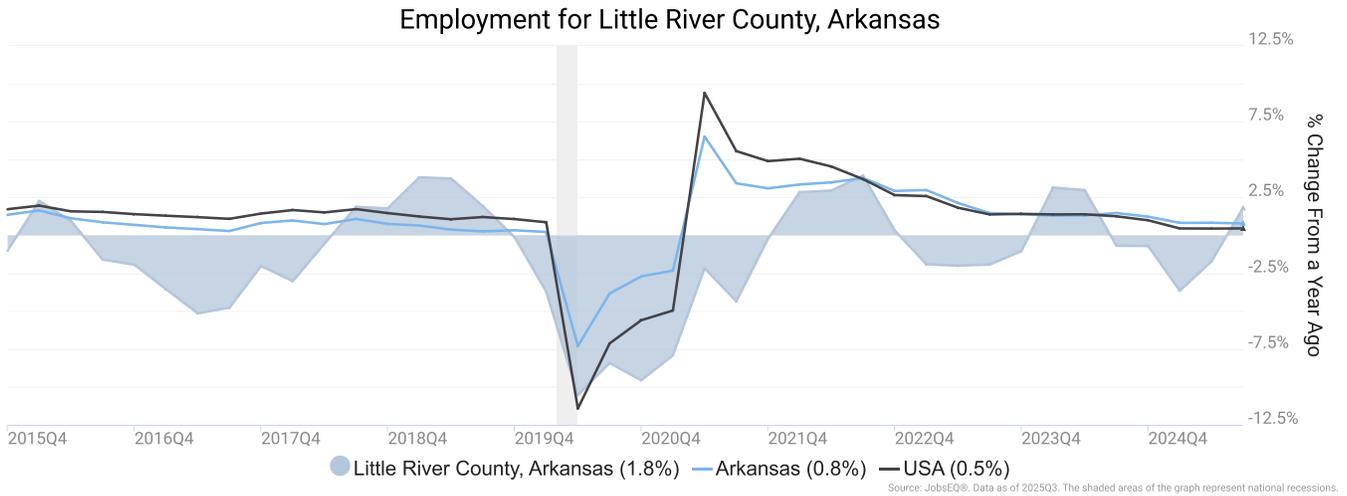
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2024, annual average growth rate since 2014.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

# Employment Trends

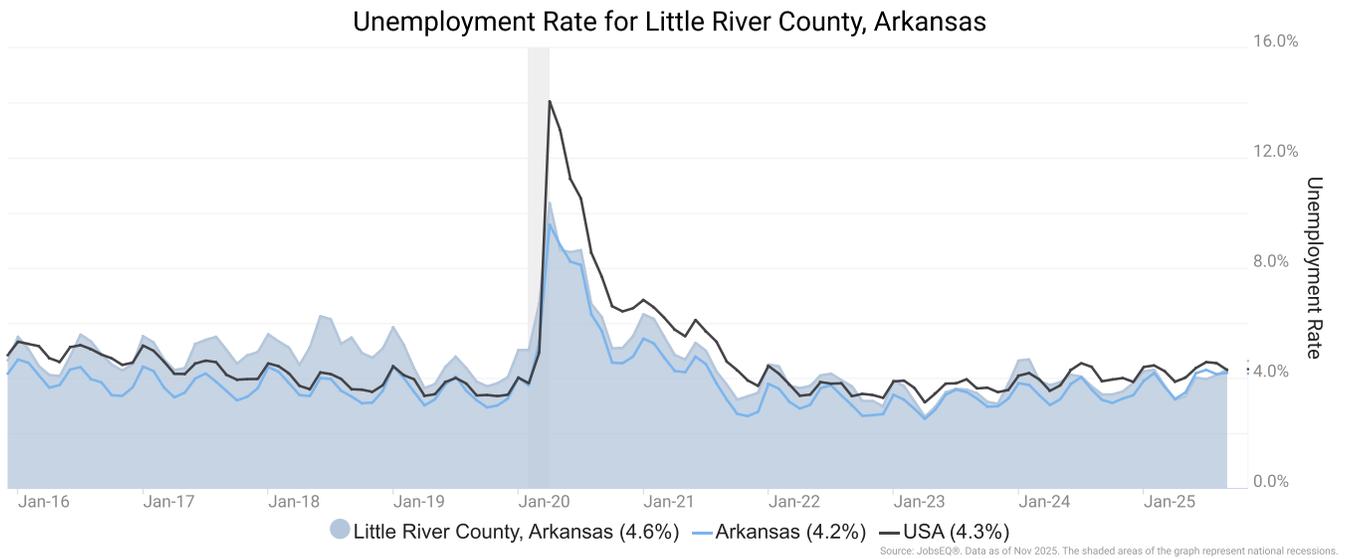
As of 2025Q3, total employment for Little River County, Arkansas was 3,450 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2025Q3, employment increased 1.8% in the region.



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# Unemployment Rate

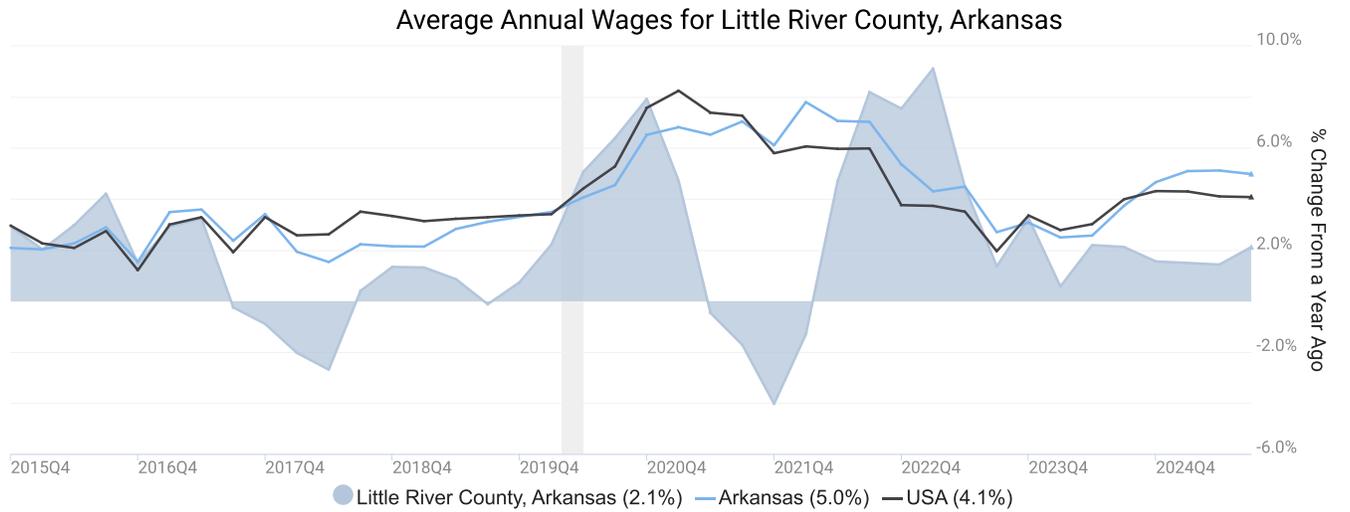
The unemployment rate for Little River County, Arkansas was 4.6% as of November 2025. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 4.3%. One year earlier, in November 2024, the unemployment rate in Little River County, Arkansas was 3.5%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through November 2025.

# Wage Trends

The average worker in Little River County, Arkansas earned annual wages of \$58,001 as of 2025Q3. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.1% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$75,653 in the nation as of 2025Q3.



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3.

# Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 10.9% lower in Little River County, Arkansas than the U.S. average.

## Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Little River County, Arkansas	\$58,001	89.1	\$65,126
Arkansas	\$59,136	89.0	\$66,469
USA	\$75,653	100.0	\$75,653

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2025Q3

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2025Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

# Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Little River County, Arkansas is Manufacturing, employing 864 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Health Care and Social Assistance (464 workers) and Retail Trade (384). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (LQ = 4.84), Manufacturing (3.23), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (1.73).

Total Workers for Little River County, Arkansas by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®  
Data as of 2025Q3  
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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Sectors in Little River County, Arkansas with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$130,580), Manufacturing (\$109,364), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$82,121). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Transportation and Warehousing (+51 jobs), Wholesale Trade (+28), and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (+21).

Over the next 5 years, employment in Little River County, Arkansas is projected to contract by 157 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation with a +0.0% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (0 jobs), Information (0), and Management of Companies and Enterprises (0).

Little River County, Arkansas, 2025Q3<sup>1</sup>

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
31	Manufacturing	864	\$109,364	3.23	-202	-4.1%	342	166	244	-68	-1.6%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	464	\$41,464	0.87	-2	-0.1%	212	113	113	-13	-0.6%
44	Retail Trade	384	\$33,362	1.16	-36	-1.8%	233	115	137	-19	-1.0%
61	Educational Services	309	\$42,491	1.10	-9	-0.6%	129	69	73	-13	-0.9%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	210	\$49,958	1.20	51	5.7%	101	48	60	-7	-0.7%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	205	\$22,517	0.68	-22	-2.0%	170	78	97	-5	-0.4%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	199	\$60,503	4.84	-22	-2.0%	104	59	56	-11	-1.2%
92	Public Administration	152	\$36,349	0.93	16	2.2%	63	29	39	-5	-0.7%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	141	\$30,683	0.96	20	3.1%	73	34	43	-5	-0.7%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	126	\$43,199	0.61	10	1.7%	67	30	39	-3	-0.5%
23	Construction	110	\$44,932	0.53	-53	-7.6%	43	18	27	-2	-0.3%
42	Wholesale Trade	60	\$74,369	0.47	28	13.1%	27	12	17	-2	-0.7%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	53	\$46,039	0.21	-6	-2.1%	20	8	12	-1	-0.4%
52	Finance and Insurance	45	\$50,403	0.34	2	0.9%	17	8	10	-1	-0.5%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	43	\$61,071	0.71	21	14.8%	19	10	10	-1	-0.5%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	34	\$25,492	0.46	13	10.6%	24	10	14	0	0.0%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	21	\$82,121	1.73	0	0.3%	9	3	6	-1	-0.6%
22	Utilities	19	\$40,285	1.08	2	2.6%	7	3	5	-1	-0.8%
51	Information	6	\$36,301	0.10	-6	-12.7%	3	1	2	0	0.0%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	5	\$130,580	0.09	3	24.1%	2	1	1	0	-0.4%
<b>Total - All Industries</b>		<b>3,450</b>	<b>\$58,001</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>-191</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>-157</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2025Q3

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1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Little River County, Arkansas is Production Occupations, employing 468 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (419 workers) and Management Occupations (337). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Production Occupations (LQ = 2.55), Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (2.12), and Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations (1.63).

Occupation groups in Little River County, Arkansas with the highest average wages per worker are Legal Occupations (\$98,300), Management Occupations (\$93,500), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$88,400). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.5% among Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations to 7.1% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 5 years, the fastest growing occupation group in Little River County, Arkansas is expected to be Community and Social Service Occupations with a -0.3% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Legal Occupations (0 jobs) and Community and Social Service Occupations (-1). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (237 jobs) and Production Occupations (224).

Little River County, Arkansas, 2025Q3<sup>1</sup>

SOC	Occupation	Current					5-Year History			5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages <sup>2</sup>	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads <sup>3</sup>	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
51-0000	Production	468	\$49,200	2.55	29	4.8%	3	-121	-4.5%	186	88	136	-39	-1.7%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	419	\$46,500	1.42	32	5.1%	22	33	1.7%	224	103	134	-13	-0.6%
11-0000	Management	337	\$93,500	1.25	7	1.5%	9	-2	-0.1%	124	69	69	-14	-0.8%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	303	\$42,700	0.77	21	3.2%	3	-6	-0.4%	131	73	80	-22	-1.5%
41-0000	Sales and Related	256	\$39,700	0.86	23	4.9%	21	-23	-1.7%	152	80	88	-16	-1.3%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	229	\$27,700	0.81	26	5.9%	12	-21	-1.8%	201	94	114	-7	-0.6%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	225	\$49,600	1.20	8	2.5%	2	-2	-0.2%	84	46	47	-9	-0.8%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	217	\$60,700	1.63	10	2.8%	8	-20	-1.7%	78	40	48	-10	-1.0%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	181	\$87,900	0.87	4	1.5%	7	4	0.5%	47	27	24	-4	-0.4%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	128	\$47,500	0.82	11	4.8%	2	-33	-4.5%	47	20	29	-3	-0.4%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	126	\$33,500	0.75	8	3.6%	8	-16	-2.3%	81	41	43	-3	-0.5%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	112	\$71,300	0.50	5	2.6%	2	10	1.9%	39	17	26	-4	-0.6%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	110	\$32,900	0.97	7	4.7%	1	-5	-1.0%	68	34	38	-3	-0.6%
33-0000	Protective Service	69	\$54,200	0.91	4	3.2%	n/a	6	1.7%	28	13	18	-3	-0.8%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	62	\$31,200	0.70	5	4.8%	n/a	10	3.6%	48	20	29	-2	-0.5%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	43	\$57,100	0.65	1	2.4%	n/a	2	0.8%	18	9	10	-1	-0.3%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	42	\$35,400	2.12	2	7.1%	n/a	-1	-0.6%	26	13	15	-2	-1.2%

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17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	40	\$88,400	0.73	1	3.0%	1	-5	-2.5%	10	5	7	-2	-1.0%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	26	\$86,600	0.24	1	3.1%	n/a	0	-0.1%	6	3	4	-1	-0.8%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	25	\$56,300	0.42	1	4.1%	4	2	1.8%	11	5	7	-1	-0.8%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	19	\$70,700	0.60	1	3.4%	n/a	-2	-1.8%	8	2	6	-1	-0.6%
23-0000	Legal	14	\$98,300	0.47	0	n/a	2	0	-0.4%	3	1	2	0	-0.5%
<b>Total - All Occupations</b>		<b>3,450</b>	<b>\$53,600</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-191</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>-157</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

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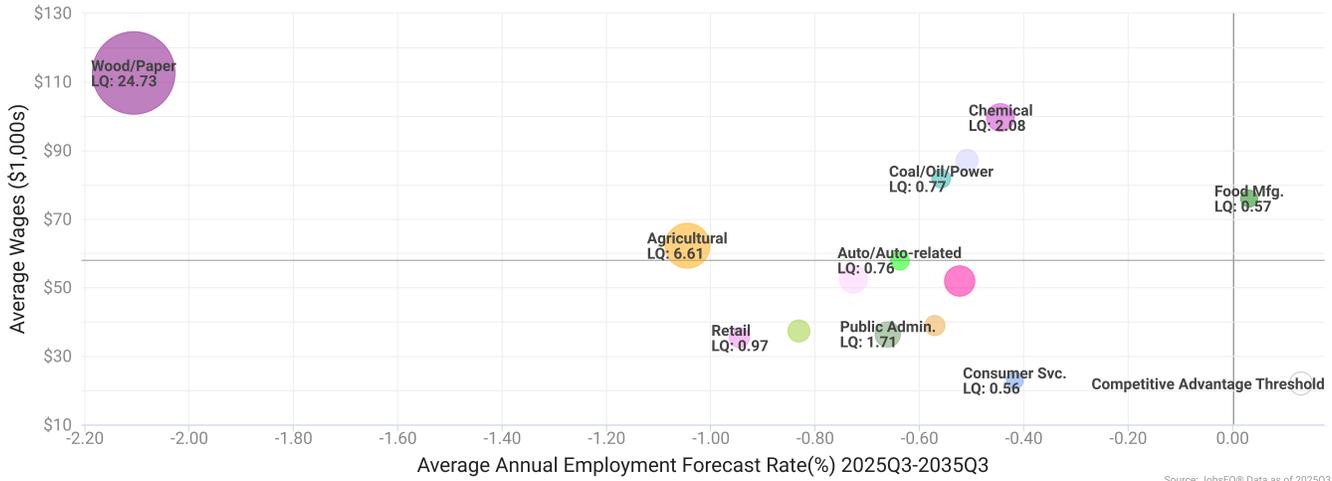
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2025Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3. Wages by occupation are as of 2025 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Little River County, Arkansas with the highest relative concentration is Wood/Paper with a location quotient of 24.73. This cluster employs 612 workers in the region with an average wage of \$112,492. Employment in the Wood/Paper cluster is projected to contract in the region about 2.1% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Little River County, Arkansas as of 2025Q3



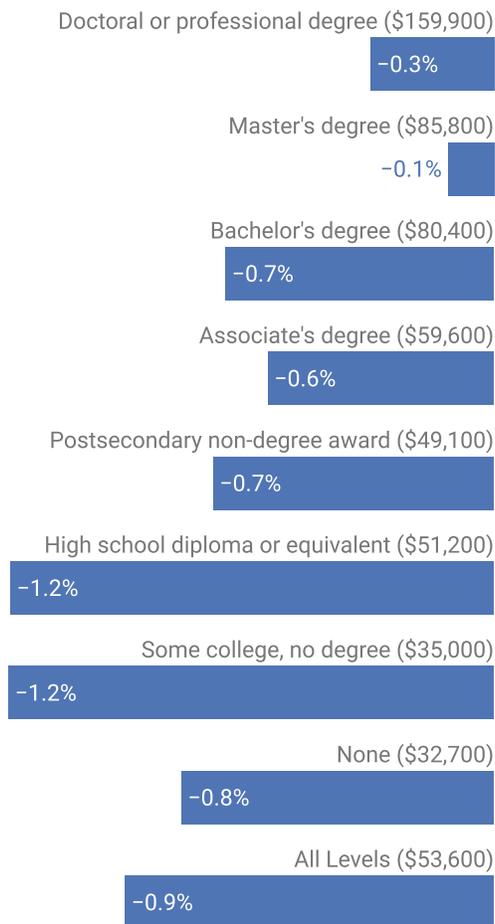
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# Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Little River County, Arkansas is projected to contract 0.9% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to contract 0.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to contract 0.7% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to contract 0.6% per year.

## Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

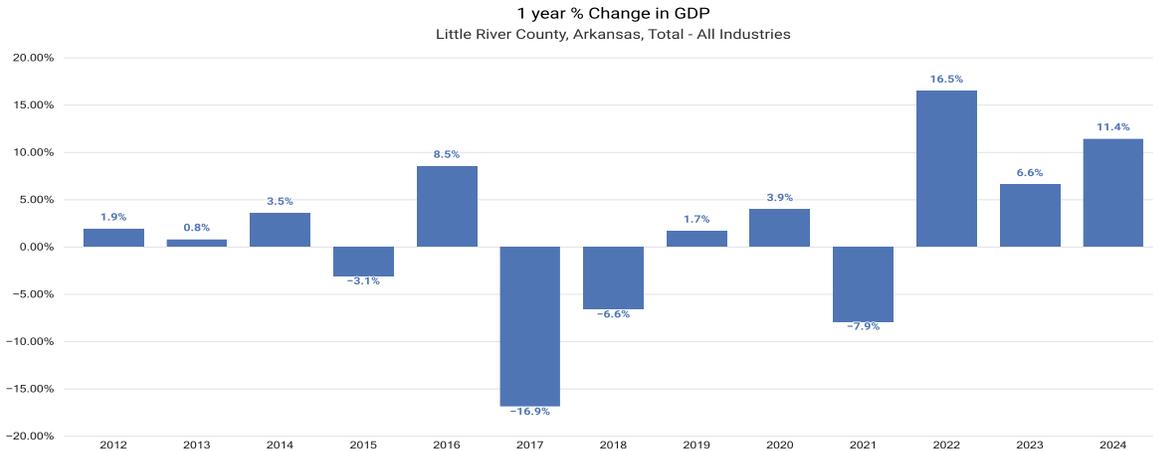


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Data as of 2025Q3

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2025Q3. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2024, nominal GDP in Little River County, Arkansas expanded 11.4%. This follows growth of 6.6% in 2023. As of 2024, total GDP in Little River County, Arkansas was \$558,032,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2024.

Of the sectors in Little River County, Arkansas, Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2024, \$282,219,000. The next-largest contributions came from Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (\$50,879,000); Retail Trade (\$34,991,000); and Health Care and Social Assistance (\$31,009,000).

## GDP (in \$ millions)

Little River County, Arkansas, 2024

Manufacturing (31)

\$282

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)

\$51

Retail Trade (44)

\$35

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

\$31

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11)

\$29

Transportation and Warehousing (48)

\$26

Educational Services (61)

\$24

Wholesale Trade (42)

\$15

Public Administration (92)

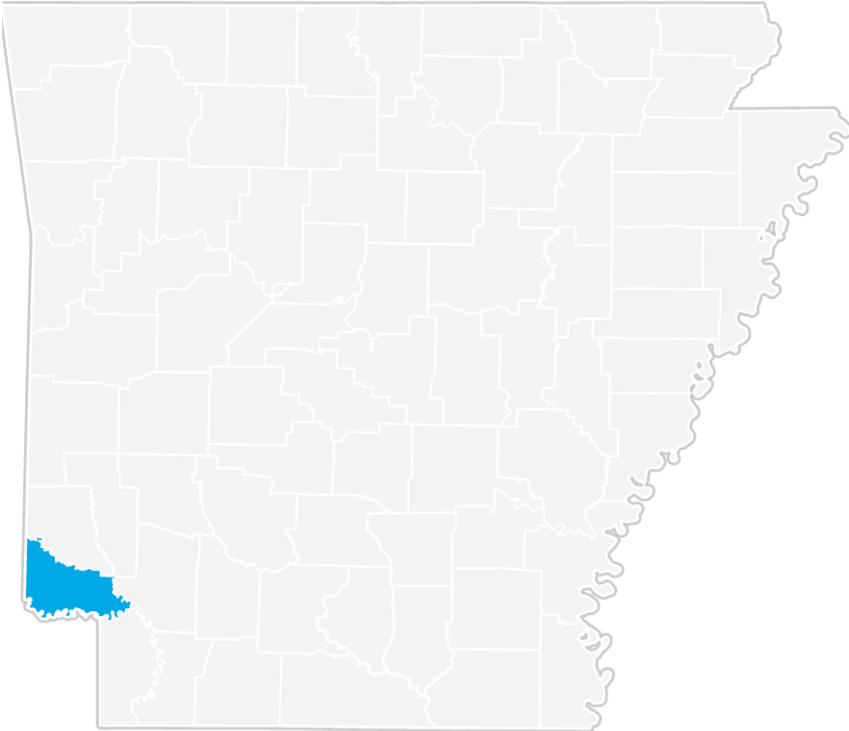
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# Little River County, Arkansas Regional Map



# FAQ

## What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

## What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

## What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

## What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

## What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

## What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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