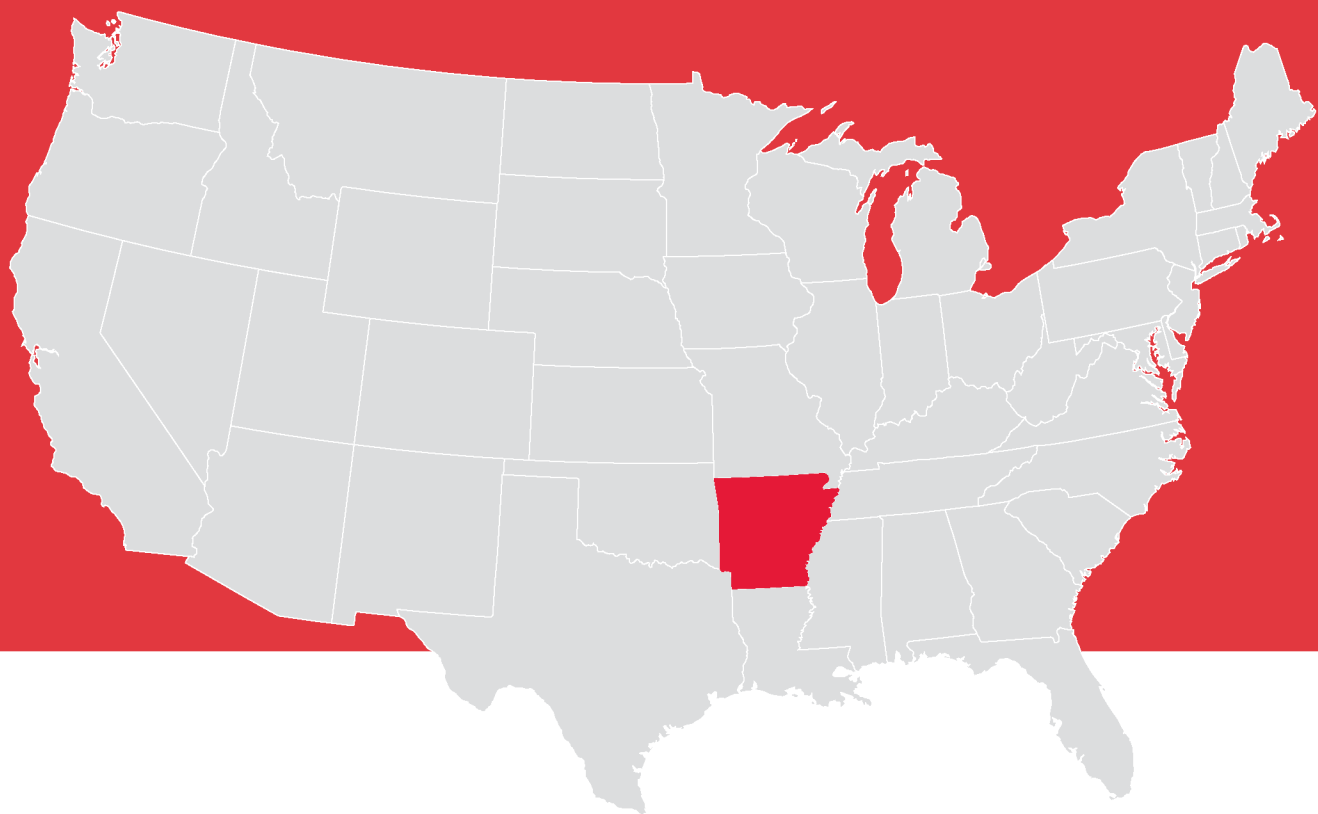


2018 ARKANSAS ECONOMIC OVERVIEW



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#2 Highest Percentage of Manufacturing
Employment in the South - NAM

#9 Lowest Cost of Doing Business - CNBC

6 Fortune 500 Companies Headquartered in
Arkansas

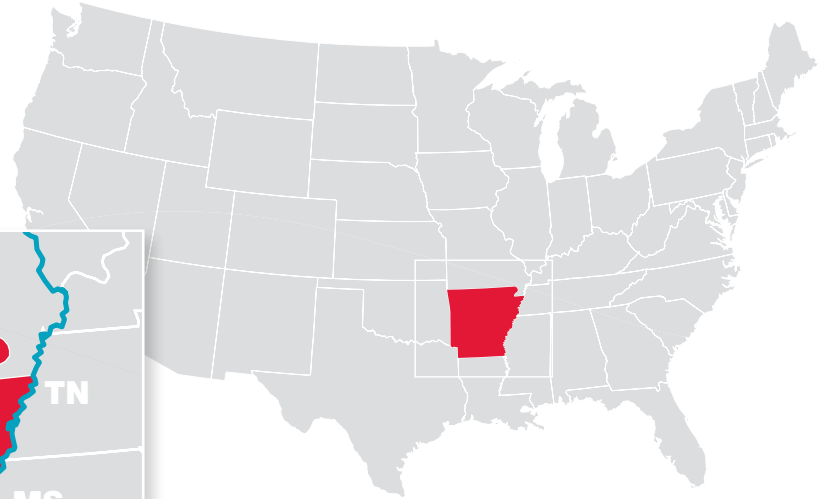


OVERVIEW

GEOGRAPHY

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Arkansas is strategically located in the center of the United States. Its borders adjoin Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma with the Mississippi River forming the state's eastern border.



Land Surface:
34,036,717 acres

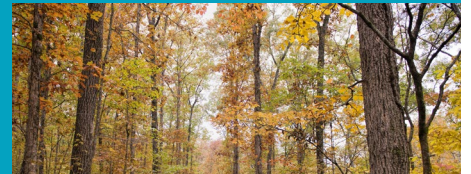
East: Alluvial valleys of the Arkansas and Mississippi rivers, with agricultural land dominated by cotton, rice, and soybeans



North and West:
Mountainous or coastal plains



South: Wildlife refuges and timberlands



Navigable Waterways:
approx. 1,000 miles



Class 1 Railroad:
1,683 miles



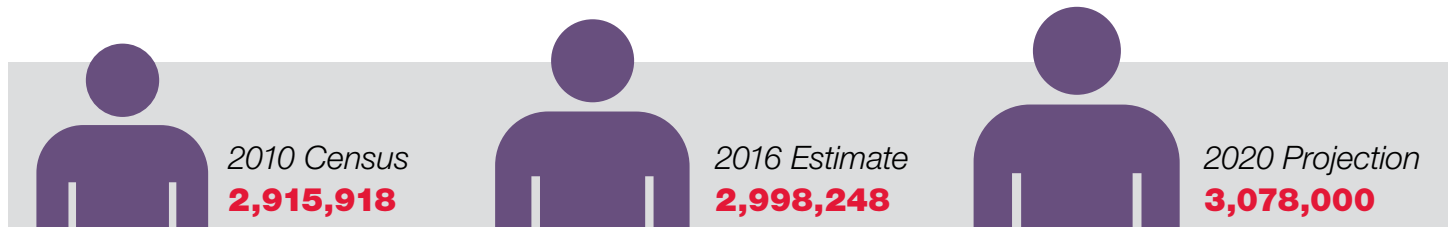
Public Airports:
approx. 100



State and U.S. Highways:
16,418 miles

POPULATION

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Source: U.S. Census

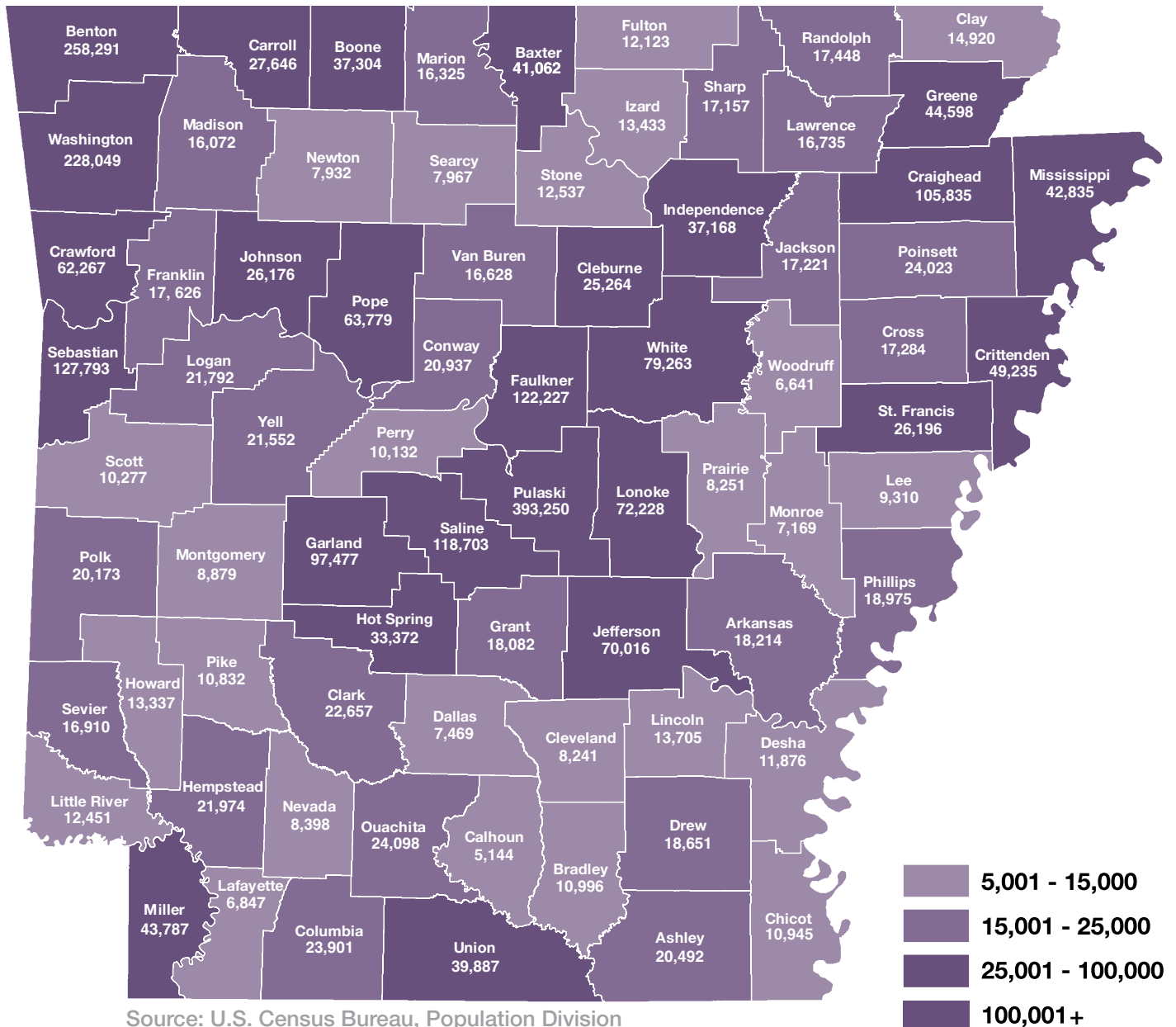


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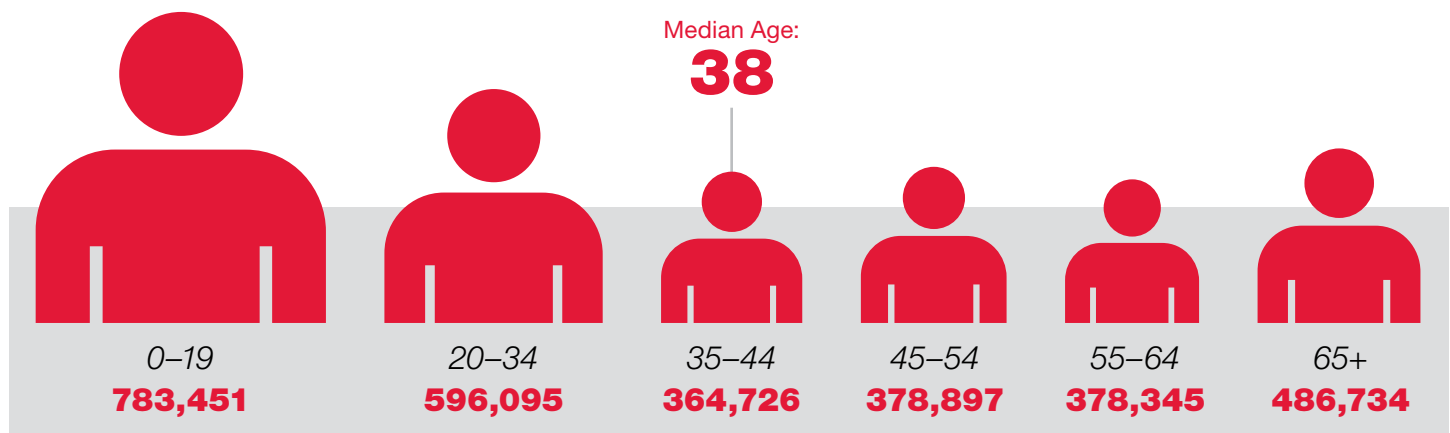
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|--|---|
| 1 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR - MO MSA
525,032 | 5 Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA
734,622 |
| 2 Fort Smith, AR - OK MSA
281,227 | 6 Memphis, TN - MS - AR MSA
1,342,842 |
| 3 Hot Springs, AR MSA
97,447 | 7 Pine Bluff, AR MSA
91,962 |
| 4 Jonesboro, AR MSA
129,858 | 8 Texarkana, AR MSA
150,098 |

POPULATION *by county 2016*

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AGE BREAKDOWN (2016 ESTIMATE)



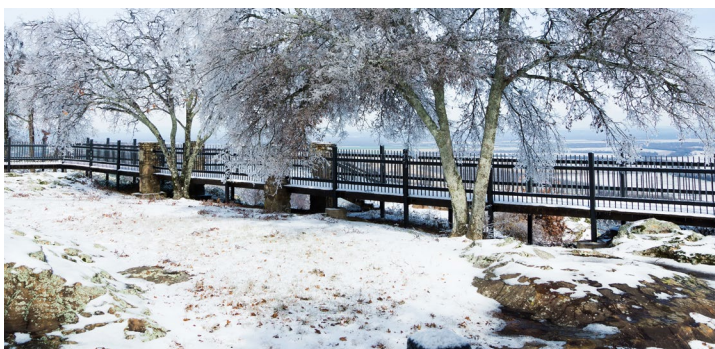
COST OF LIVING INDEX

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88.4%

Source: C2ER, 2016 Annual

CLIMATE:



TEMPERATURE

average high

72.8°

average low

52.5°

Source: www.srh.noaa.gov

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION



51.94"

STATE OF BUSINESS

ARKANSAS IS A RIGHT TO WORK STATE

3.8%

union membership rate

third lowest in the U.S.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



6 are headquartered
in Arkansas

Dillard's
The Style of Your Life.



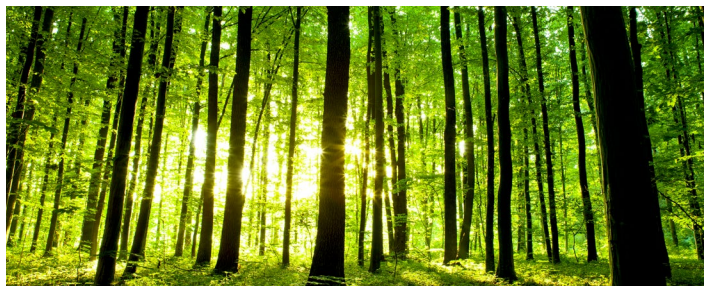
Walmart 

windstream 

MURPHY
USA 

NATURAL RESOURCES

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WATER

Arkansas has over **283,000 hectares (699,293 acres)** of surface water.

Over 800 billion liters of high quality ground water are contained in aquifers.



TIMBER

Forests cover approximately **19 million acres, or 53% of the entire state.**

Timber growing, harvesting, management, transporting, and processing are major industries in Arkansas.



MINERALS

Commercial Production

Bromine (#1 in world)

Cement Rock

Clay

Crushed Stone

Dimension Stone

Gravel

Gypsum

Kaolin and Fireclays (#4 in the US)

Lasco (#1 in the US)

Limestone

Marble

Sand

Serpentine Rock

Shale

Silica Sand

Slate

Syenite

Novaculite (only producer in US)

Quartz Crystals (#1 in the US)



OIL

Crude Oil

Total Production

4,035 thousand barrels (2016)

Natural Gas

Total Production

826,917 million cubic feet (2016)

Reserves

4,279 billion cubic feet (2015)

Coal

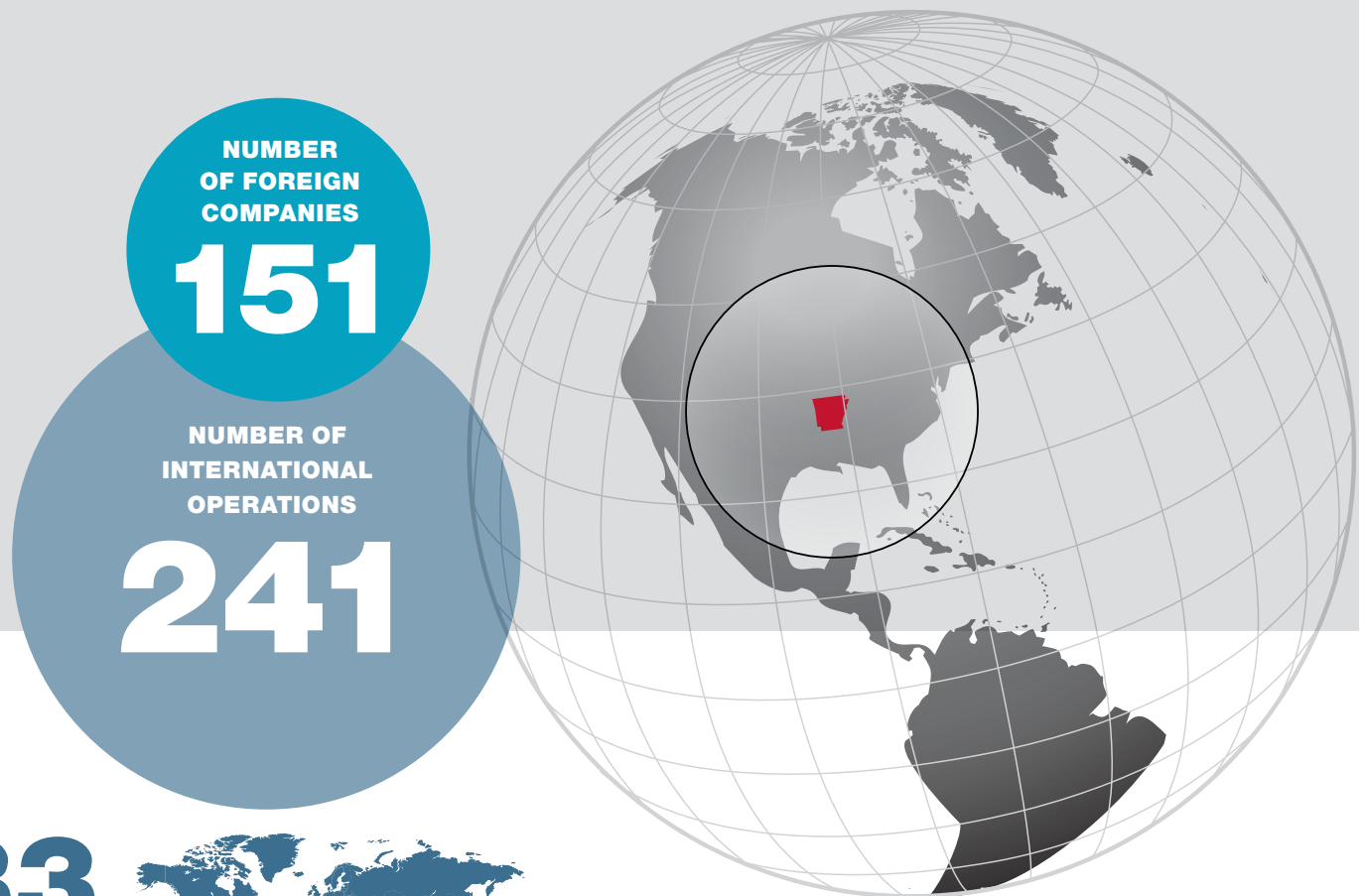
Total Production

91 thousand short tons (2015)

Number of mines

2 (2014)

40% of the U.S. population is within a day's drive (550 miles/880 kilometers)

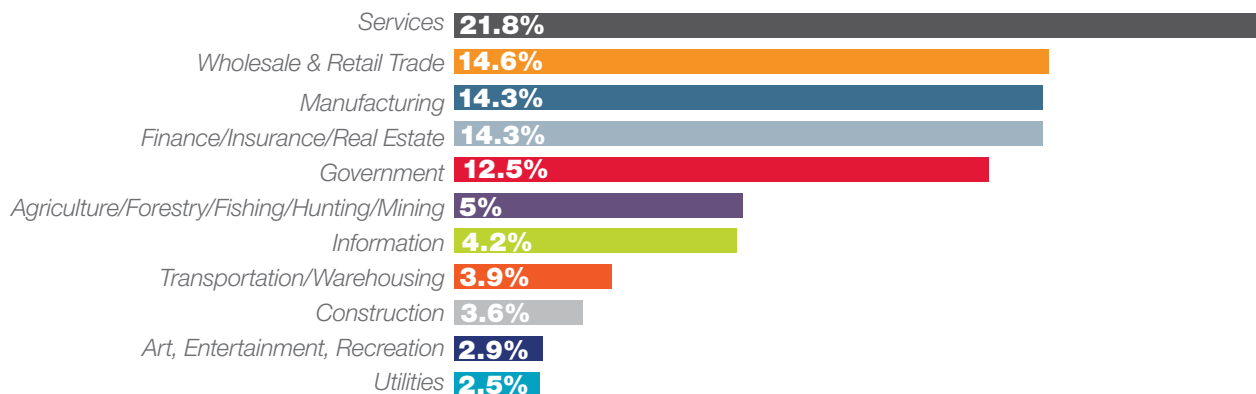


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Countries Represented

Source: Arkansas Foreign Owned Business Report, August 2017

2016 REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR ARKANSAS (MILLIONS OF CHAINED 2009 DOLLARS)

TOTAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT= \$108,676



PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES



MANUFACTURING



TRANSPORTATION LOGISTICS



AGRICULTURE



FORESTRY



BUSINESS SERVICES



TOURISM

PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURING GOODS

<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>Machinery</i>
<i>Electronic Equipment</i>	<i>Paper and Pulp</i>
<i>Food and Kindred Products</i>	<i>Rubber and Plastic Products</i>
<i>Furniture</i>	<i>Steel</i>
<i>Lumber and Wood Products</i>	<i>Transportation Equipment</i>

PRINCIPAL AG PRODUCTS (2016) & NATIONAL RANKING

RICE #1

POULTRY #2

CATFISH #3

GRAIN SORGHUM #4

COTTON #5

COTTONSEED #6

SWEET POTATOES #6

SOYBEANS #10

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