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

#9 Lowest Cost of Doing Business - CNBC

6 Fortune 500 Companies Headquartered in Arkansas
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.

**GEOGRAPHY**

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
MAJOR URBAN CENTERS (2016)

1. Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR - MO MSA
   525,032

2. Fort Smith, AR - OK MSA
   281,227

3. Hot Springs, AR MSA
   97,447

4. Jonesboro, AR MSA
   129,858

5. Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA
   734,622

6. Memphis, TN - MS - AR MSA
   1,342,842

7. Pine Bluff, AR MSA
   91,962

8. Texarkana, AR MSA
   150,098

Source: U.S. Census

Little Rock, Capital City Skyline

2010 Census: 2,915,918
2016 Estimate: 2,998,248
2020 Projection: 3,078,000
POPULATION by county 2016

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

AGE BREAKDOWN (2016 ESTIMATE)

Median Age: 38

0–19: 783,451
20–34: 596,095
35–44: 364,726
45–54: 378,897
55–64: 378,345
65+: 486,734

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division
COST OF LIVING INDEX

88.4%
Source: C2ER, 2016 Annual

CLIMATE:

Temperate with 4 seasons

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

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are headquartered in Arkansas

Dillard’s
The Style of Your Life.

J.B. Hunt
The Transportation Logistics Company

Tyson

Walmart

windstream.

MURPHY USA
## NATURAL RESOURCES

### 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)

NUMBER OF FOREIGN COMPANIES
151

NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS
241

33 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

- Services: 21.8%
- Wholesale & Retail Trade: 14.6%
- Manufacturing: 14.3%
- Finance/Insurance/Real Estate: 14.3%
- Government: 12.5%
- Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing/Hunting/Mining: 5%
- Information: 4.2%
- Transportation/Warehousing: 3.9%
- Construction: 3.6%
- Art, Entertainment, Recreation: 2.9%
- Utilities: 2.5%
PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES

PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURING GOODS
Chemicals
Electronic Equipment
Food and Kindred Products
Furniture
Lumber and Wood Products
Machinery
Paper and Pulp
Rubber and Plastic Products
Steel
Transportation Equipment

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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