

## ARKANSAS TRAILS U.S. IN JOBS GROWTH, LEADS 11 STATES

(2Q-2022) Three years into a national economic expansion, Arkansas trails the national average in jobs creation, according to a review of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics records. Arkansas led 11 other states during the period.

A national economic expansion began in April 2020, the National Bureau of Economic Research notes. Between April 2020 and April 2022, the national average in jobs creation was 15.9% versus Arkansas' growth rate of 12.25%.

U.S.	130,513,000	151,314,000	15.9%
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>1,168,100</b>	<b>1,311,200</b>	<b>12.25%</b>

Arkansas led 11 other states, many in the Plains region, in the same period.

State	Growth Rate
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>12.25%</b>
Alabama	12.1%
Alaska	11.79%
Virginia	11.77%
Louisiana	11.73%
New Mexico	11.63%
Iowa	10.74%
Nebraska	9.98%
North Dakota	9.97%
Kansas	9.5%
Oklahoma	9.3%
Wyoming	8.3%

--Greg Kaza