

ARKANSAS

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The capital is Little Rock located in the central portion of the state, a hub for transportation, business, culture, and government. The official language is English and the currency dollars.

The top five industries in Arkansas are a diverse mix of traditional sectors of the economy and new technologies. While manufacturing is a key part of Arkansas' economy in a broad sense, reportedly employing up to 13 percent of its workforce, there are specific manufacturing sectors that make up some of the top industries in Arkansas and lead the nation.

Agriculture is still the top industry in Arkansas. Rice is Arkansas' largest agricultural export because of a heavily forested landscape, the production of **paper and timber products** is a top industry in Arkansas.

Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Little Rock

Arkansas World Trade Center

Exports and Trade Arkansas ranked 38th in the US in value of total exports in 2014 (\$6.9 billion). The state's trade decreased 4.15 percent from 2013 to 2014.

Arkansas is a southern U.S. state bordering the Mississippi River. It's known for its abundant park and wilderness areas, with terrain encompassing mountains, caves, rivers and hot springs. The rugged Ozarks region in its northwest has hiking trails and limestone caves such as Blanchard Springs Caverns. Its capital, Little Rock, hosts the Clinton Presidential Center, housing Bill Clinton's presidential archives.

SME clusters

Arkansas' Science and Technology Research Parks

Arkansas Biosciences Institute

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) BioVentures

Cyberinfrastructure" - technological infrastructure that enables scientific inquiry, and includes high performance computing, data storage systems, data repositories and advanced instruments, visualization technology and people, all linked by advanced networks

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