

Economic Security Report of Employment and Earnings Outcomes of Arkansas's Graduates from State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education *

This report provides students, parents, and others with employment, earnings, and other outcome information on graduates of Arkansas's state-supported institutions of higher education. This report is intended to help readers make informed decisions about education and career choices.

Summary: The cost to obtain any of the certificates or degrees highlighted in this report at an Arkansas public postsecondary institution is significantly lower than the hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars in additional average career earnings.

Although each graduate's success will reflect a variety of factors such as the local job market, where they choose to live, what area they choose to study, and other factors, this report provides valuable information as students and parents consider education and career choices.

Education and Employment Information by Institution: As specified in Arkansas Act 852 of 2015, the information specific to the areas of study for each certificate and degree at each state-supported institution in Arkansas is also included in this report. Students who were still enrolled in higher education during 2015 after their graduation were excluded from the earnings calculations.

Included for each institution is the data for economic outcomes at the degree level for all programs. The detailed program reports by area of study correspond to the Classification of Instruction Programs (CIP) codes.

The degree levels in the data may not match the exact degree program. For example, "Ph.D." is used for both Ph.D. and Ed.D., and is simply an abbreviation for all types of research of scholarship doctorates. The intent is to indicate the amount of education required for each degree level.

A minimum of ten graduates from 2014 degree programs and a minimum of three full-time employed in Arkansas in 2015 were required to present the data in this report. This report has been prepared in accordance with specifications of Arkansas Act 852 of 2015. The electronic version of this report will be revised continually as data is available. For the latest edition: <http://dws.arkansas.gov/News/Publications.htm>

As a reminder, earnings reported to the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services are quarterly totals, which do not include the hourly wage or the part-time/full-time status. To estimate the number, percentage, and average wages of full-time workers in the first year following graduation, a minimum annual wage of \$12,000 and a requirement of wages reported in all four quarters of 2015 were used.

In order to satisfy the Act 852 requirement for the top twenty-five percent of certificates and degrees and the bottom ten percent of certificates and degrees by state-supported

institution of higher education, all of the certificates and degrees have been supplied in this report.

*This information comes from page 9 of the 2016 Economic Security Report Employment and Earnings Outcomes of Arkansas's Graduates from State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education. The following charts are from pages 15-18 of that report as it pertains to graduates of Arkansas State University.

<http://dws.arkansas.gov/News/PDF/Act%20852%20Economic%20Security%20Report,%206-30-2016.pdf>

To view Act 852 of 2015 the State of Arkansas 90th General Assembly, go to:
<ftp://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/acts/2015/Public/ACT852.pdf>

Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

Degree Level	2014 Graduates	2015 AR Employed	Employed Percent	Average Wages	Full-Time Employed	Full-Time Percent	Full-Time Average Wages
Associate's	392	305	78%	\$21,232	148	38%	\$34,565
Bachelor's	1,824	1,324	73%	\$28,560	973	53%	\$34,838
Graduate Cert.	12	9	75%	\$37,580	8	67%	\$42,224
Master's	1,316	666	51%	\$45,793	571	43%	\$50,430
Education Specialist	191	91	48%	\$55,481	79	41%	\$59,894
Ph.D.	14	6	43%	\$47,345	5	36%	\$52,845
1st Professional	31	21	68%	\$60,825	20	65%	\$62,870

Detailed Program of Study Economic Outcomes

Associate's Degree

Degree	Program of Study (CIP)	2014 Graduates	2015 AR Employed	Employed Percent	Average Wages	Full-Time Employed	Full-Time Percent	Full-Time Average Wages
Assoc.	Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies. (24.0101)	242	191	79%	\$13,896	64	26%	\$25,901
Assoc.	General Studies. (24.0102)	14	8	57%	\$20,775	5	36%	\$27,293
Assoc.	Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant. (51.0806)	28	25	89%	\$31,236	14	50%	\$45,760
Assoc.	Medical Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiation Therapist. (51.0907)	28	27	96%	\$22,330	19	68%	\$27,765
Assoc.	Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse. (51.3801)	72	47	65%	\$43,688	41	57%	\$47,885

Bachelor's Degree

Degree	Program of Study (CIP)	2014 Graduates	2015 AR Employed	Employed Percent	Average Wages	Full-Time Employed	Full-Time Percent	Full-Time Average Wages
Bach.	Agribusiness/Agricultural Business Operations. (01.0102)	42	29	69%	\$33,083	21	50%	\$40,025
Bach.	Animal Sciences, General. (01.0901)	20	14	70%	\$18,276	7	35%	\$22,990

Bach.	Plant Sciences, General. (01.1101)	13	7	54%	\$32,829	5	38%	\$40,343
Bach.	Communication, General. (09.0100)	18	16	89%	\$15,762	8	44%	\$26,970
Bach.	Journalism. (09.0401)	33	20	61%	\$22,215	16	48%	\$26,543
Bach.	Radio and Television. (09.0701)	26	21	81%	\$23,209	19	73%	\$25,440
Bach.	Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician. (11.0301)	17	13	76%	\$29,851	12	71%	\$32,201
Bach.	Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education and Teaching. (13.1203)	88	79	90%	\$27,843	65	74%	\$30,989
Bach.	Early Childhood Education and Teaching. (13.1210)	139	123	88%	\$30,115	98	71%	\$33,790
Bach.	English/Language Arts Teacher Education. (13.1305)	22	19	86%	\$28,201	16	73%	\$29,675
Bach.	Mathematics Teacher Education. (13.1311)	13	11	85%	\$30,789	10	77%	\$31,463
Bach.	Physical Education Teaching and Coaching. (13.1314)	29	27	93%	\$29,382	20	69%	\$33,466
Bach.	Social Science Teacher Education. (13.1317)	15	13	87%	\$32,343	13	87%	\$32,343
Bach.	Mechanical Engineering. (14.1901)	15	12	80%	\$49,755	11	73%	\$53,304
Bach.	Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields, Other. (15.9999)	21	15	71%	\$50,317	13	62%	\$53,331
Bach.	English Language and Literature, General. (23.0101)	20	17	85%	\$13,373	6	30%	\$20,888
Bach.	General Studies. (24.0102)	190	132	69%	\$23,860	87	46%	\$31,157
Bach.	Biology/Biological Sciences, General. (26.0101)	48	29	60%	\$22,940	19	40%	\$27,922
Bach.	Mathematics, General. (27.0101)	13	5	38%	\$23,959	3	23%	\$37,817
Bach.	Health and Physical Education/Fitness, General. (31.0501)	12	10	83%	\$27,023	9	75%	\$29,634
Bach.	Sport and Fitness Administration/Management. (31.0504)	25	14	56%	\$17,334	7	28%	\$26,310
Bach.	Kinesiology and Exercise Science. (31.0505)	45	28	62%	\$15,273	14	31%	\$23,155
Bach.	Chemistry, General. (40.0501)	32	21	66%	\$21,428	11	34%	\$28,863
Bach.	Psychology, General. (42.0101)	77	58	75%	\$19,174	39	51%	\$22,188
Bach.	Social Work. (44.0701)	36	30	83%	\$16,741	18	50%	\$23,402
Bach.	Criminology. (45.0401)	74	53	72%	\$23,028	36	49%	\$28,752
Bach.	Political Science and Government, General. (45.1001)	16	10	63%	\$17,907	4	25%	\$29,444
Bach.	Sociology. (45.1101)	24	18	75%	\$20,393	13	54%	\$25,929
Bach.	Commercial and Advertising Art. (50.0402)	21	15	71%	\$22,898	10	48%	\$25,952

Bach.	Audiology/Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathology/Pathologist. (51.0204)	38	29	76%	\$13,211	11	29%	\$24,542
Bach.	Medical Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiation Therapist. (51.0907)	59	47	80%	\$33,882	40	68%	\$38,201
Bach.	Athletic Training/Trainer. (51.0913)	10	5	50%	\$19,454	3	30%	\$28,956
Bach.	Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology/Technologist. (51.1005)	20	11	55%	\$38,241	10	50%	\$41,379
Bach.	Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse. (51.3801)	152	128	84%	\$52,023	118	78%	\$54,992
Bach.	Business Administration and Management, General. (52.0201)	103	65	63%	\$29,261	48	47%	\$34,562
Bach.	Accounting. (52.0301)	62	42	68%	\$27,939	31	50%	\$34,563
Bach.	Finance, General. (52.0801)	65	33	51%	\$26,938	27	42%	\$31,140
Bach.	International Business/Trade/Commerce. (52.1101)	16	5	31%	\$31,044	4	25%	\$37,370
Bach.	Marketing/Marketing Management, General. (52.1401)	27	19	70%	\$29,212	14	52%	\$35,437
Bach.	History, General. (54.0101)	15	11	73%	\$14,980	5	33%	\$24,224

Master's Degree

Degree	Program of Study (CIP)	2014 Graduates	2015 AR Employed	Employed Percent	Average Wages	Full-Time Employed	Full-Time Percent	Full-Time Average Wages
Mast.	Communication and Media Studies, Other. (09.0199)	11	8	73%	\$27,225	5	45%	\$39,855
Mast.	Curriculum and Instruction. (13.0301)	327	146	45%	\$45,579	136	42%	\$47,236
Mast.	Elementary and Middle School Administration/Principalship. (13.0408)	267	102	38%	\$50,794	97	36%	\$51,894
Mast.	Special Education and Teaching, General. (13.1001)	148	87	59%	\$41,846	75	51%	\$44,387
Mast.	Education/Teaching of the Gifted and Talented. (13.1004)	87	50	57%	\$43,143	45	52%	\$45,484
Mast.	Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels and Methods, Other. (13.1299)	30	28	93%	\$31,983	23	77%	\$34,955

Mast.	Sport and Fitness Administration/Management. (31.0504)	12	6	50%	\$29,562	4	33%	\$33,165
Mast.	Crisis/Emergency/Disaster Management. (43.0302)	15	11	73%	\$34,245	7	47%	\$44,760
Mast.	Public Administration. (44.0401)	37	22	59%	\$43,354	21	57%	\$45,307
Mast.	Social Work. (44.0701)	29	24	83%	\$38,094	16	55%	\$48,773
Mast.	Speech-Language Pathology/Pathologist. (51.0203)	26	23	88%	\$52,856	19	73%	\$61,388
Mast.	Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse. (51.3801)	33	30	91%	\$82,386	30	91%	\$82,386
Mast.	Nurse Anesthetist. (51.3804)	45	15	33%	\$129,957	14	31%	\$131,821
Mast.	Business Administration and Management, General. (52.0201)	59	18	31%	\$40,719	15	25%	\$45,964

Education Specialist and 1st Professional Degree

Degree	Program of Study (CIP)	2014 Graduates	2015 AR Employed	Employed Percent	Average Wages	Full-Time Employed	Full-Time Percent	Full-Time Average Wages
Ed.Spc.	Elementary and Middle School Administration/Principalship. (13.0408)	154	60	39%	\$64,438	56	36%	\$66,051
Ed.Spc.	Counselor Education/School Counseling and Guidance Services. (13.1101)	22	16	73%	\$33,214	10	45%	\$41,160
Ed.Spc.	Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels and Methods, Other. (13.1299)	13	13	100%	\$44,540	11	85%	\$49,917
1st Prof.	Physical Therapy/Therapist. (51.2308)	31	21	68%	\$60,825	20	65%	\$62,870