Arkansas has seen a rise in services exports, boosting state economic growth and jobs. Despite some Covid-related export declines, the U.S. services trade surplus was $245 billion in 2021.

U.S. services industries are the most competitive and innovative in the world. They provide new economic opportunities and contribute to the successful production of manufacturing and agriculture in the United States and abroad.

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Arkansas Services Exports Support **8,830** Jobs, Including **5,400** from Digitally Tradable Services

**AR Services Exports by Sector, 2021** ($ millions)

- Business, Professional & Technical Services: $389
- Construction Services: $15
- Financial Services: $268
- Insurance Services: $43
- Installation, Maintenance & Repair Services: $125
- Personal & Recreational Services: $14
- Royalties & License Fees: $216
- Telecom., Computer & Information Services: $107
- Transportation Services: $16
- Travel Services: $248

**AR Services Exports to Select Markets, 2021**

- To China: $96 million in services exports supporting **650 jobs**
- To Canada: $129 million in services exports supporting **730 jobs**
- To Mexico: $87 million in services exports supporting **630 jobs**

**AR Digital Services Exports to Select Markets, 2021**

- To EU: $268 million in services exports supporting **1,530 jobs**
- To UK: $119 million in services exports supporting **590 jobs**
- To Africa: $11 million in services exports supporting **70 jobs**
- To IPEF*: $170 million in services exports supporting **940 jobs**

* Sources: National data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, state export and jobs data from Trade Partnership Worldwide. “IPEF” includes the participants as of launch on May 23, 2022.

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Services fuel America’s economic growth and jobs, generating more than 77 percent of employment in the United States and 68 percent of GDP. Services are a major component of the manufacturing and agricultural sectors, and they boost the competitiveness of those sectors.

In Arkansas, services accounted for 73 percent of all jobs in 2021. The top services sector for employment was education, health care, and social assistance services, which alone employed 325,600 Arkansas workers.

**Arkansas Services Industries Employ 967,000 Workers**

**Arkansas Jobs by Sector and Services Subsector, 2021**

- Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining: 31,900
- Construction: 96,800
- Manufacturing: 167,200
- Public Administration: 60,100
- Total Services: 967,400
- Wholesale Trade: 30,700
- Retail Trade: 175,900
- Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities: 83,400
- Information: 16,300
- Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate: 71,100
- Professional, Scientific, & Management: 104,900
- Education, Health Care, & Social Assistance: 325,600
- Arts, Entertainment, Accommodation, & Food: 98,300
- Other Services: 61,300

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