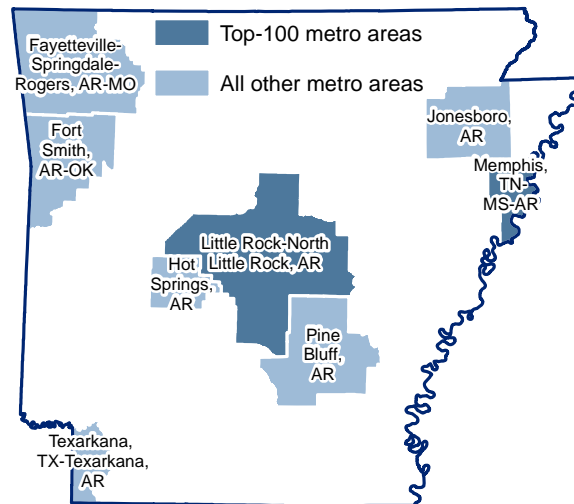




## MetroNation Profile: Arkansas's Metropolitan Areas

This state profile demonstrates the importance of Arkansas's metropolitan areas, in terms of their contribution to the state's population, employment, and economic output.



Arkansas has two of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas—Little Rock and Memphis—which alone account for 25 percent of the state's population, 29 percent of the state's jobs, and 32 percent of the state's gross domestic product (GDP).

All eight of Arkansas's metros constitute 59 percent of the state's population, 66 percent of the state's jobs, and 69 percent of the state's GDP.

Rank* Metro area	Population		Jobs		GDP	
	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state	Total (in millions)	Share of state
67 Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR	642,630	23.2%	348,849	27.9%	\$26,482	30.4%
40 Memphis, TN-MS-AR	51,605	1.9%	17,637	1.4%	\$1,100	1.3%
<b>Arkansas metros in the top 100 nationally</b>	<b>694,235</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>366,486</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>\$27,582</b>	<b>31.7%</b>
110 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	383,736	13.8%	199,421	16.0%	\$14,936	17.2%
169 Fort Smith, AR-OK	194,226	7.0%	103,446	8.3%	\$7,860	9.0%
313 Jonesboro, AR	111,919	4.0%	52,437	4.2%	\$3,359	3.9%
347 Pine Bluff, AR	104,201	3.8%	43,290	3.5%	\$2,690	3.1%
357 Hot Springs, AR	93,436	3.4%	39,638	3.2%	\$2,317	2.7%
294 Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR	42,777	1.5%	13,866	1.1%	\$972	1.1%
<b>All eight Arkansas metros</b>	<b>1,624,530</b>	<b>58.5%</b>	<b>818,584</b>	<b>65.5%</b>	<b>\$59,716</b>	<b>68.6%</b>

\*Employment rank among all metro areas nationwide, based on Bureau of Economic Analysis 2005 wage and salary employment; rank is for entire metro, which may include areas outside of the state. However, population, jobs, and GDP numbers only include the in-state portions of the metros

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