



Van Buren County, AR

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Report Parameters

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Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

16,206

Population (2024)

Population **decreased by 323** over the last 5 years but is projected to **grow by 114** over the next 5 years.

4,880

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **grew by 690** over the last 5 years and are projected to **grow by 445** over the next 5 years.

\$45.8K

Median Household Income (2022)

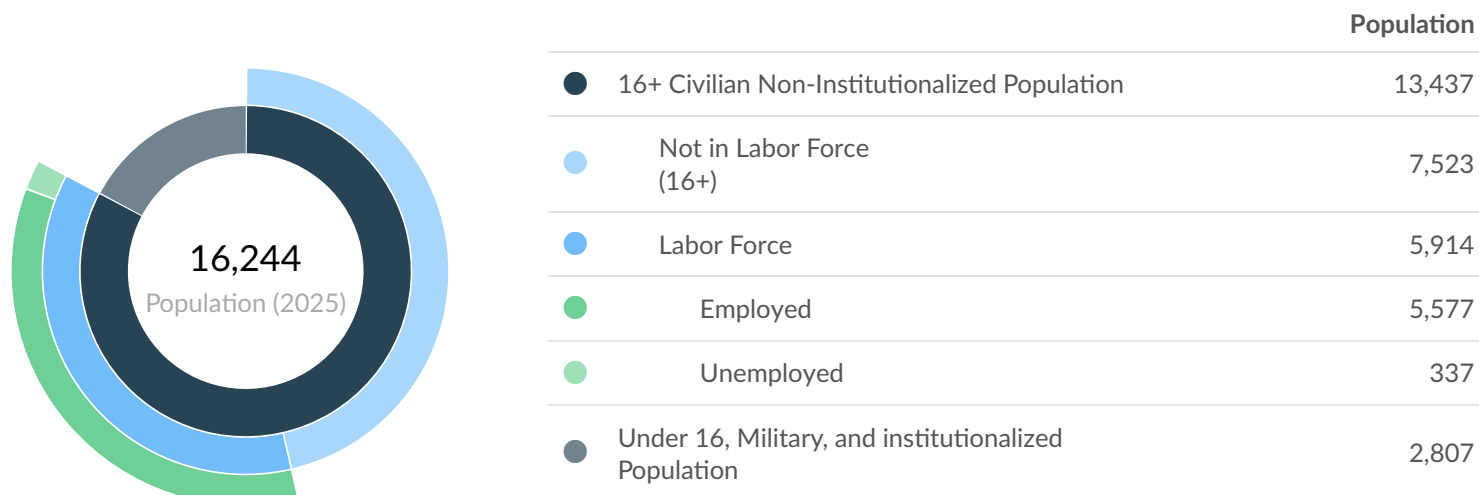
Median household income is **\$29.4K below** the national median household income of \$75.1K.

Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population **declined by 2.0%** since 2019, falling by 323. Population is expected to **increase by 0.7%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 114.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs **increased by 16.5%** in Van Buren County, AR from 4,190 to **4,880**. This change **outpaced the national growth rate of 3.9% by 12.6%**. As the number of jobs increased, the **labor force participation rate increased from 41.9% to 44.8% between 2019 and 2024**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **10.9% of Van Buren County, AR residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (10.6% below the national average), and **7.2% hold an Associate's Degree** (1.7% below the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Private Households, Education and Hospitals (Local Government), and Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities).

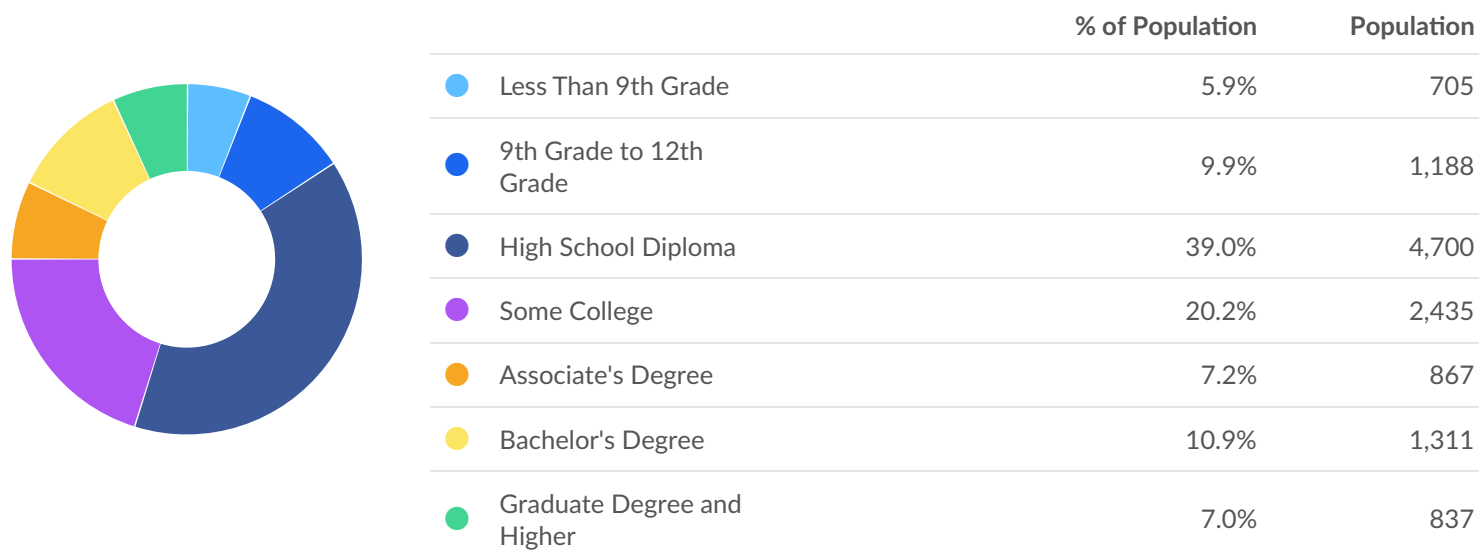
	Population (2025)	Labor Force (Feb 2025)	Jobs (2024)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	16,244	5,914	4,880	87.5	\$583.91M	\$870.34M	\$651.40M
State	3,107,011	1,416,575	1,465,252	90.5	\$176.73B	\$195.77B	\$211.45B

Feb 2025 Labor Force Breakdown



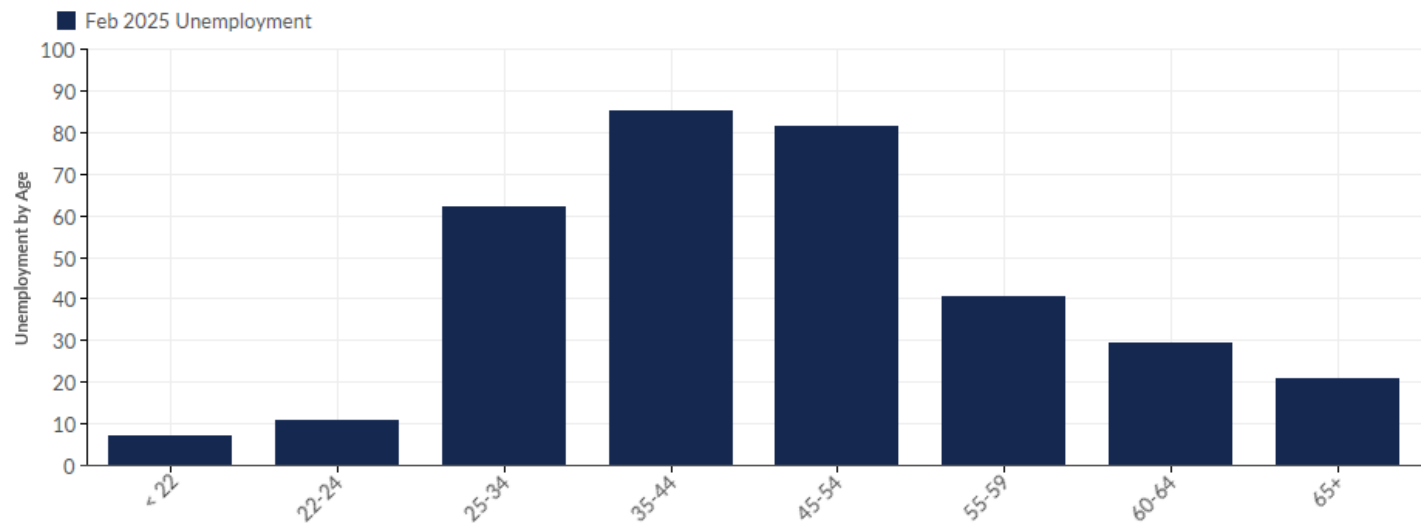
Educational Attainment

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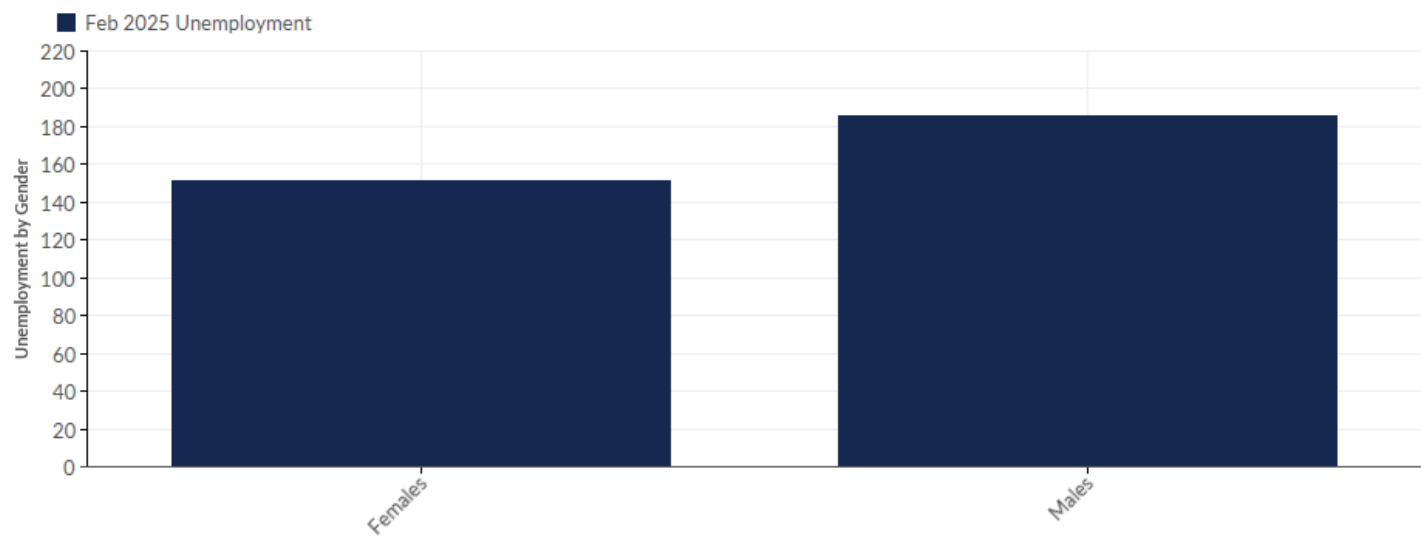
Unemployment by Demographics

Unemployment by Age



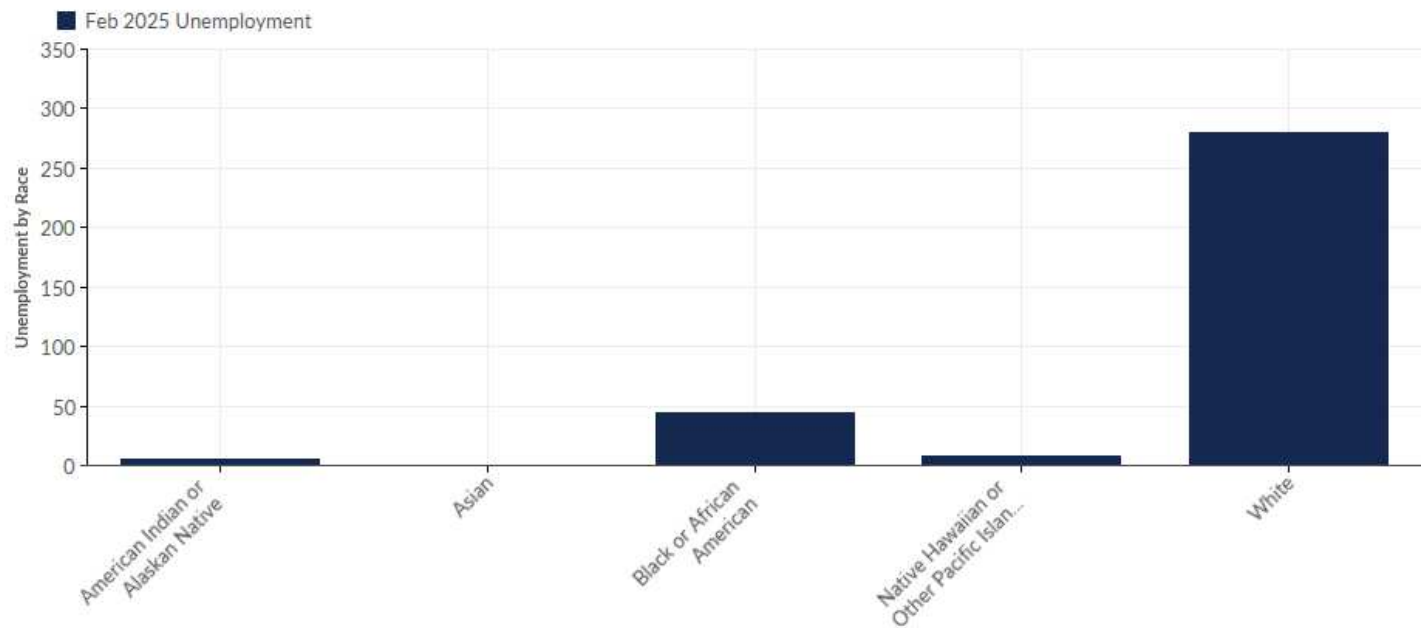
Age	Unemployment (Feb 2025)	% of Unemployed
< 22	7	2.08%
22-24	11	3.26%
25-34	62	18.40%
35-44	85	25.22%
45-54	81	24.04%
55-59	40	11.87%
60-64	29	8.61%
65+	21	6.23%
Total	337	100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



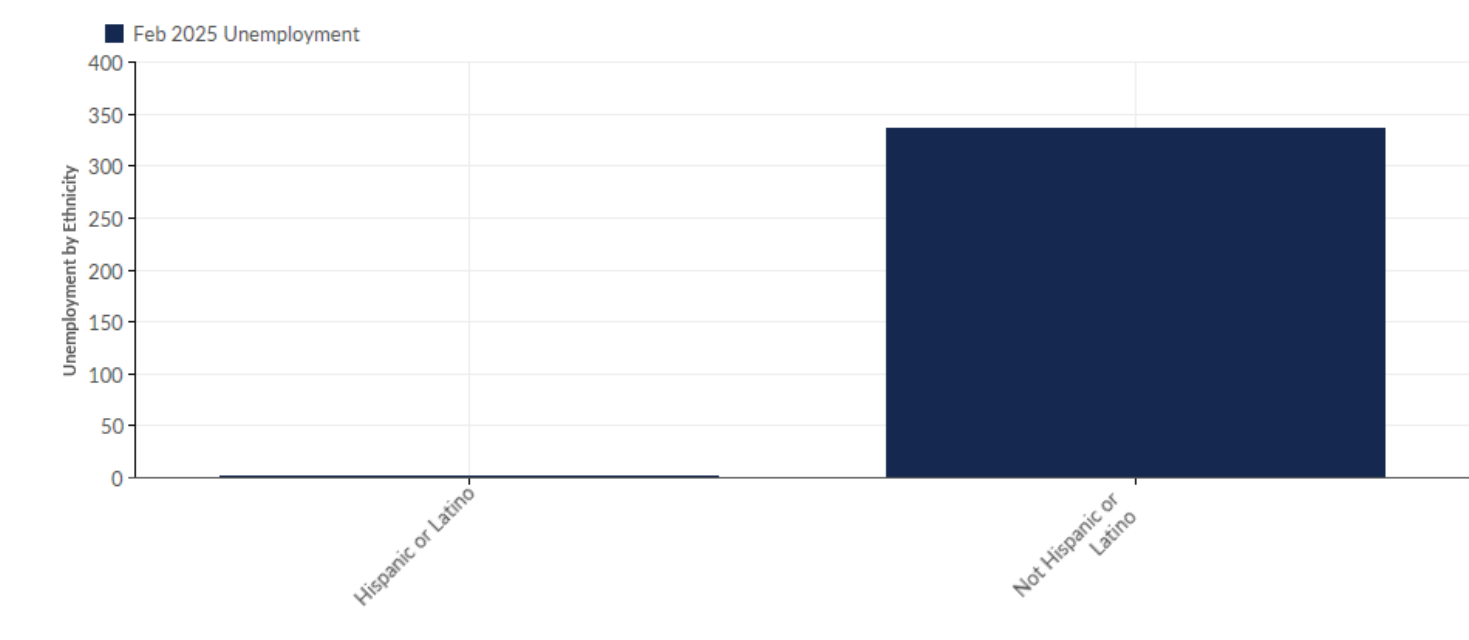
Gender	Unemployment (Feb 2025)	% of Unemployed
Females	151	44.81%
Males	186	55.19%
Total	337	100.00%

Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Feb 2025)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5	1.48%
Asian	0	0.00%
Black or African American	44	13.06%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	2.37%
White	280	83.09%
Total	337	100.00%

Unemployment by Ethnicity

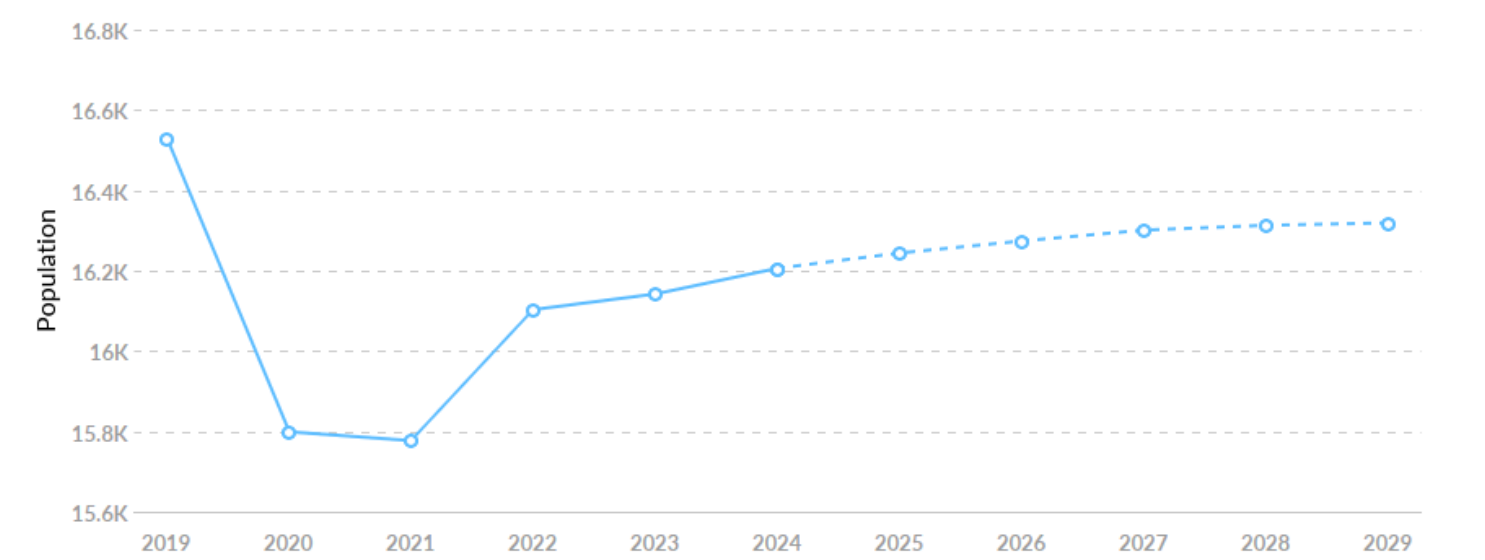


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Feb 2025)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	2	0.59%
Not Hispanic or Latino	335	99.41%
Total	337	100.00%

Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

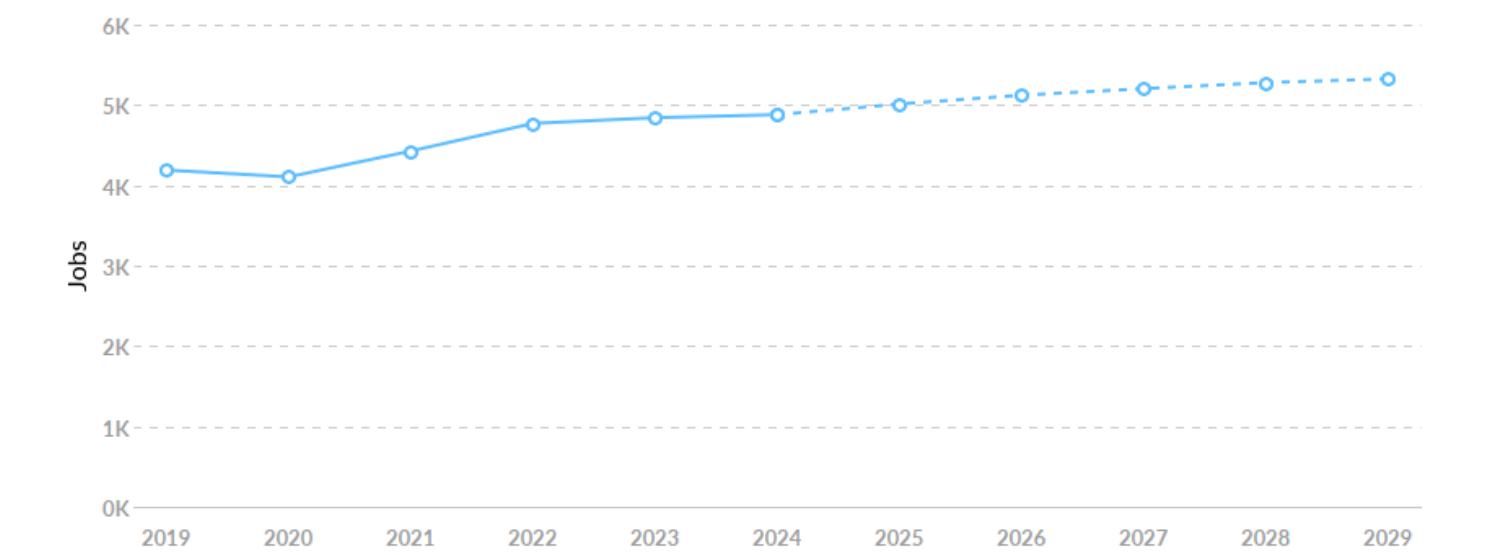
As of 2024 the region's population **declined by 2.0%** since 2019, falling by 323. Population is expected to **increase by 0.7%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 114.



Timeframe	Population
2019	16,529
2020	15,799
2021	15,777
2022	16,103
2023	16,142
2024	16,206
2025	16,244
2026	16,274
2027	16,301
2028	16,313
2029	16,319

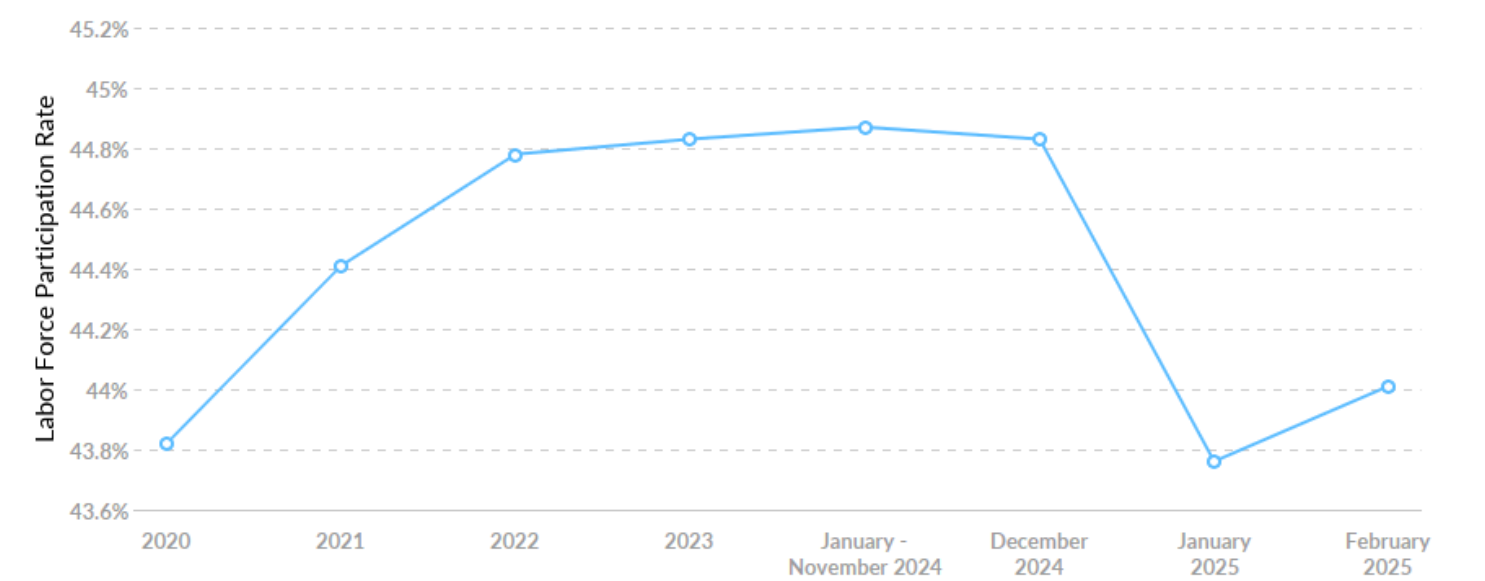
Job Trends

From 2019 to 2024, jobs increased by **16.5%** in Van Buren County, AR from 4,190 to **4,880**. This change **outpaced the national growth rate of 3.9% by 12.6%**.



Timeframe	Jobs
2019	4,190
2020	4,105
2021	4,428
2022	4,771
2023	4,842
2024	4,880
2025	5,013
2026	5,122
2027	5,204
2028	5,279
2029	5,325

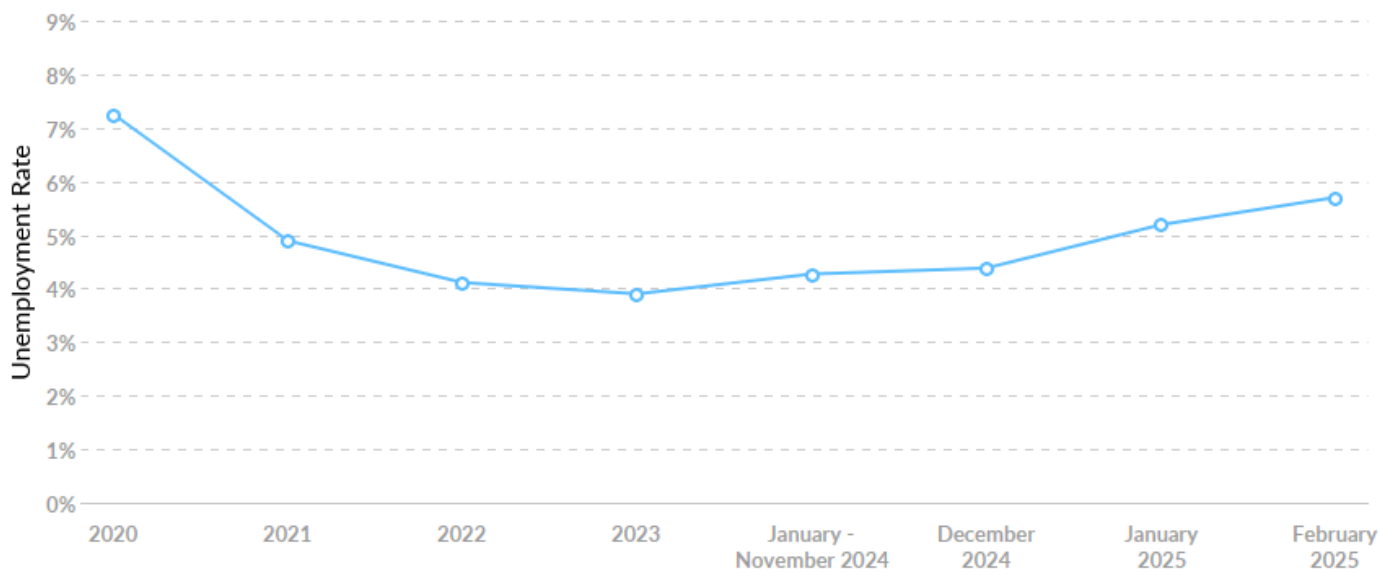
Labor Force Participation Rate Trends



Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2020	43.82%
2021	44.41%
2022	44.78%
2023	44.83%
January - November 2024	44.87%
December 2024	44.83%
January 2025	43.76%
February 2025	44.01%

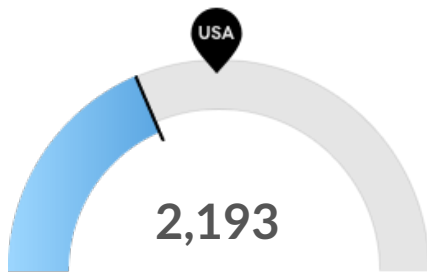
Unemployment Rate Trends

Van Buren County, AR had a February 2025 unemployment rate of 5.70%, **decreasing from 7.25%** 5 years before.



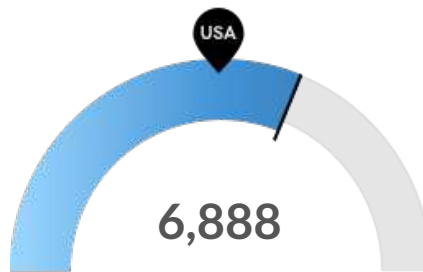
Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2020	7.25%
2021	4.89%
2022	4.11%
2023	3.90%
January - November 2024	4.27%
December 2024	4.38%
January 2025	5.19%
February 2025	5.70%

Population Characteristics



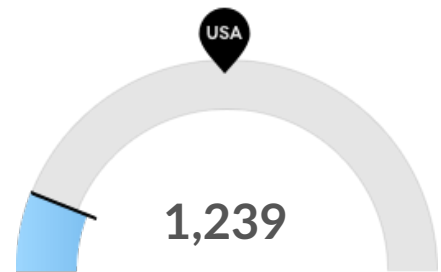
Millennials

Van Buren County, AR has 2,193 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 3,280.



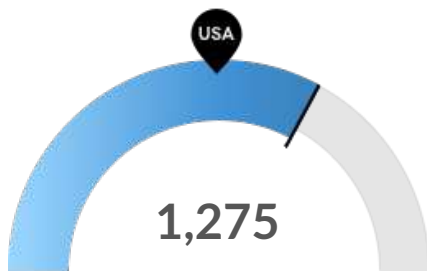
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Van Buren County, AR. The national average for an area this size is 4,873 people 55 or older, while there are 6,888 here.



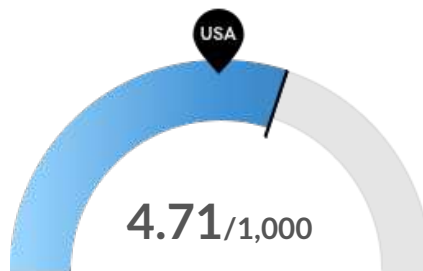
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Van Buren County, AR. The national average for an area this size is 6,723 racially diverse people, while there are 1,239 here.



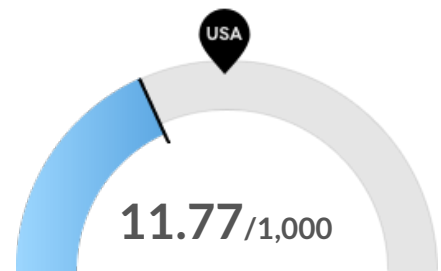
Veterans

Van Buren County, AR has 1,275 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 823.



Violent Crime

Van Buren County, AR has 4.71 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.54 per 1,000 people.

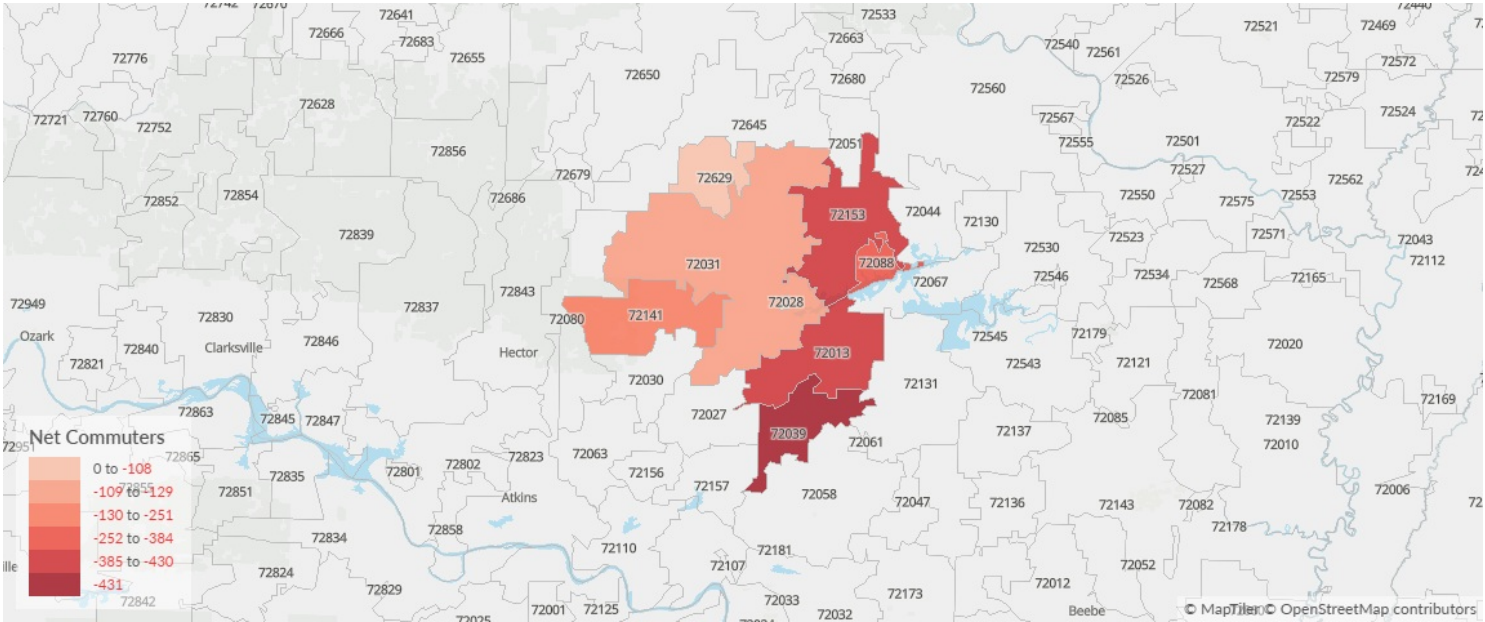


Property Crime

Van Buren County, AR has 11.77 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.02 per 1,000 people.

Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Van Buren County, AR currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



Where Talent Works

ZIP	Name	2024 Employment
72031	Clinton, AR (in Van Bure...	2,470
72153	Shirley, AR (in Van Bure...	610
72088	Fairfield Bay, AR (in Van...	604
72039	Damascus, AR (in Van B...	601
72013	Bee Branch, AR (in Van ...	334

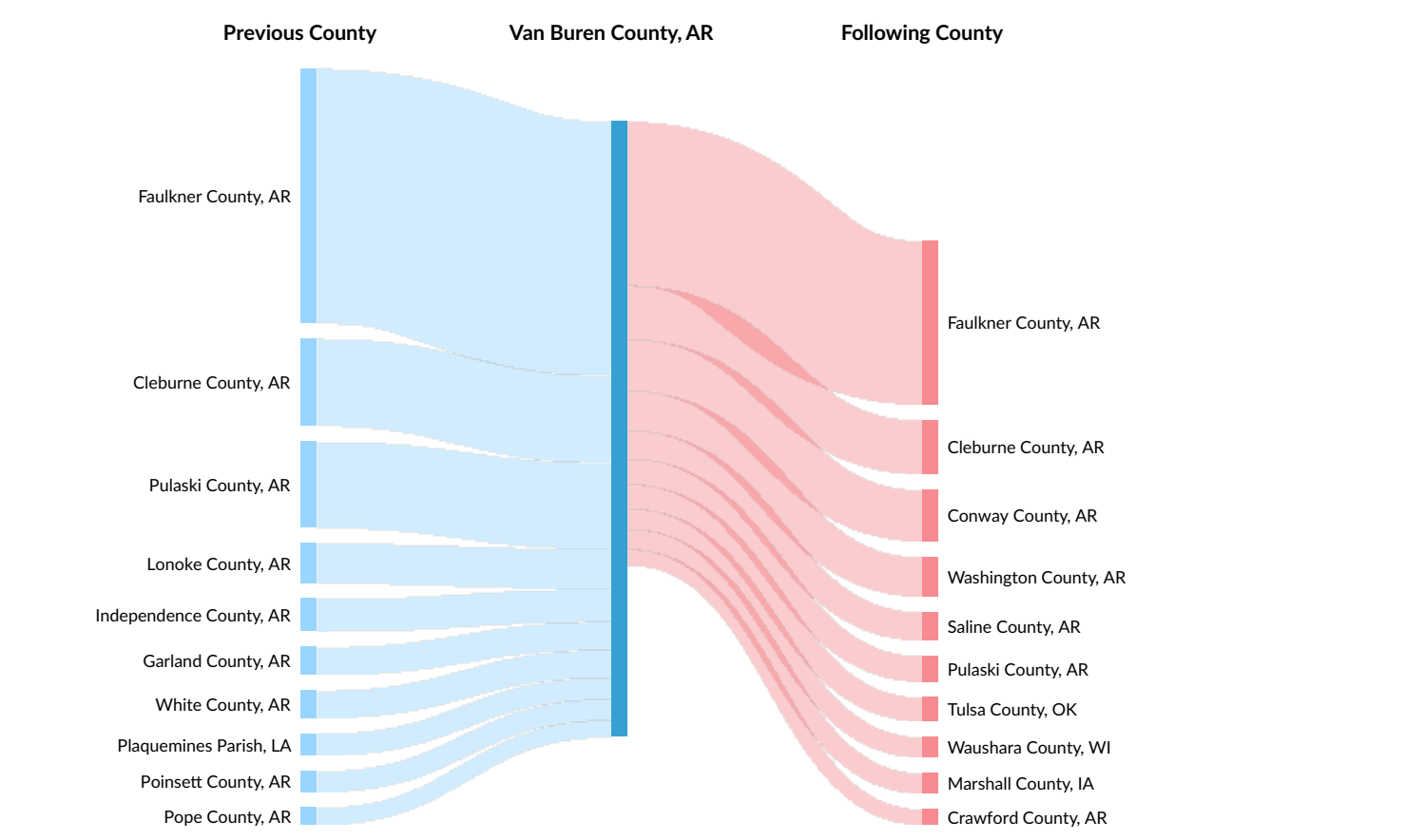
Where Talent Lives

ZIP	Name	2024 Workers
72031	Clinton, AR (in Van Bure...	2,579
72039	Damascus, AR (in Van B...	1,032
72153	Shirley, AR (in Van Bure...	996
72088	Fairfield Bay, AR (in Van...	856
72013	Bee Branch, AR (in Van ...	738

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Van Buren County, AR. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Van Buren County, AR. The right column shows residents migrating from Van Buren County, AR to other counties.

As of 2022, 198 people have migrated from Faulkner County, AR to Van Buren County, AR. In the same year, 127 people left Van Buren County, AR migrating to Faulkner County, AR. The total Net Migration for Van Buren County, AR in 2022 was 472.

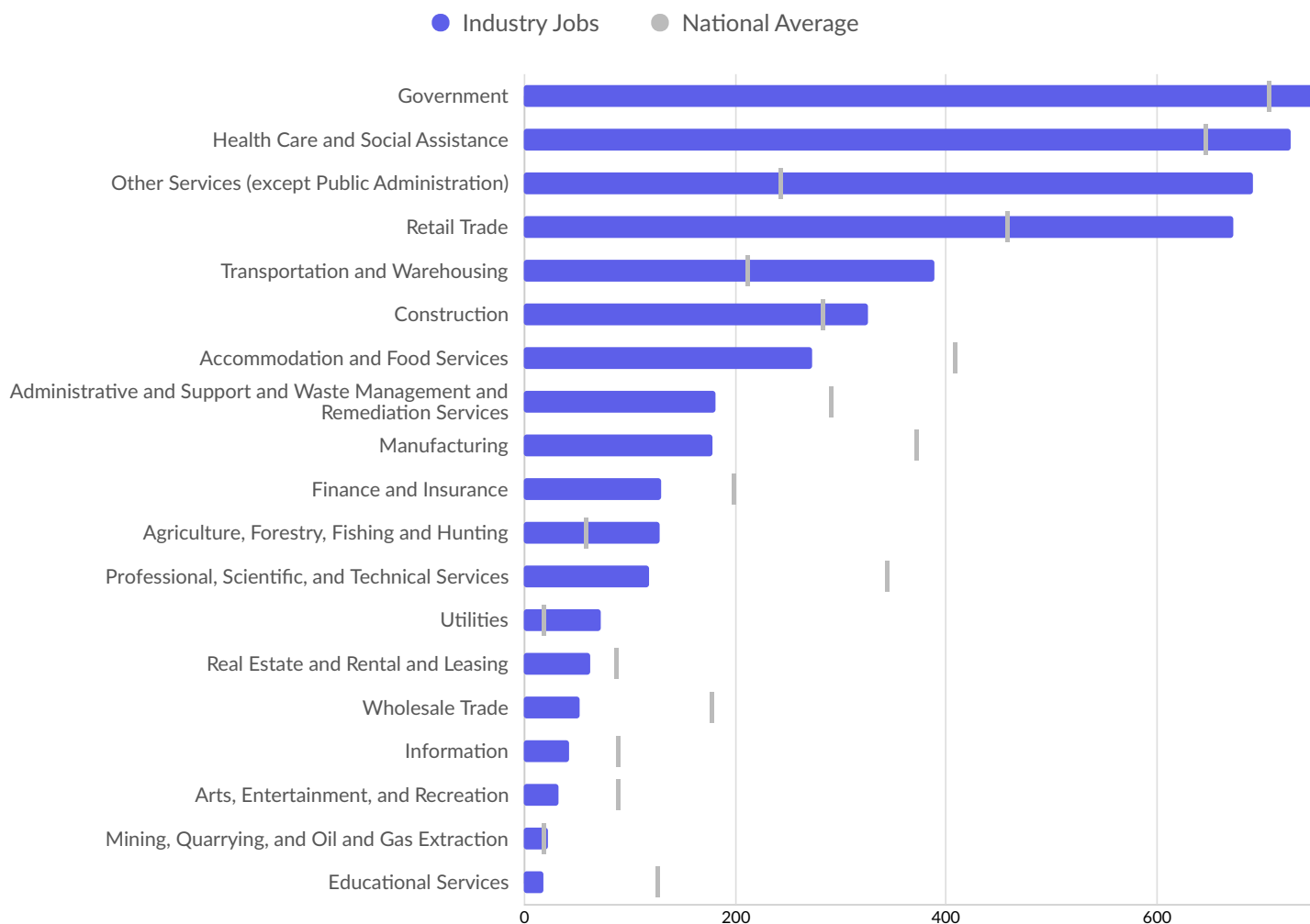


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Faulkner County, AR	198
Cleburne County, AR	68
Pulaski County, AR	67
Lonoke County, AR	31
Independence County, AR	25
Garland County, AR	22

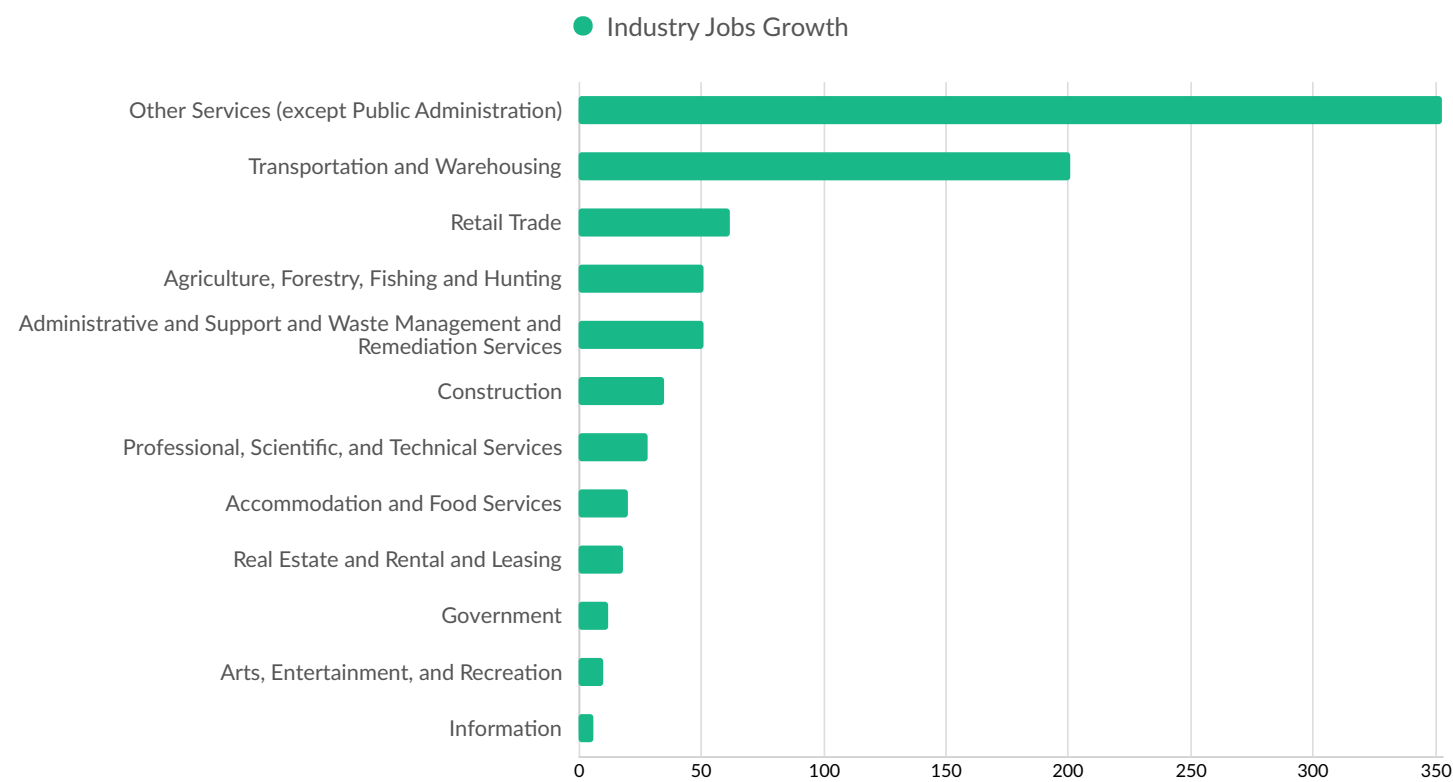
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
White County, AR	21
Plaquemines Parish, LA	17
Poinsett County, AR	16
Pope County, AR	13
Greene County, AR	13
Benton County, AR	9
Marion County, AR	9
Saline County, AR	8
Sebastian County, AR	7
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Faulkner County, AR	127
Cleburne County, AR	42
Conway County, AR	40
Washington County, AR	31
Saline County, AR	22
Pulaski County, AR	20
Tulsa County, OK	19
Waushara County, WI	16
Marshall County, IA	16
Crawford County, AR	12
Grant County, AR	12
Jackson County, AR	10
Searcy County, AR	10
Barry County, MO	10
Washington County, MS	9

Industry Characteristics

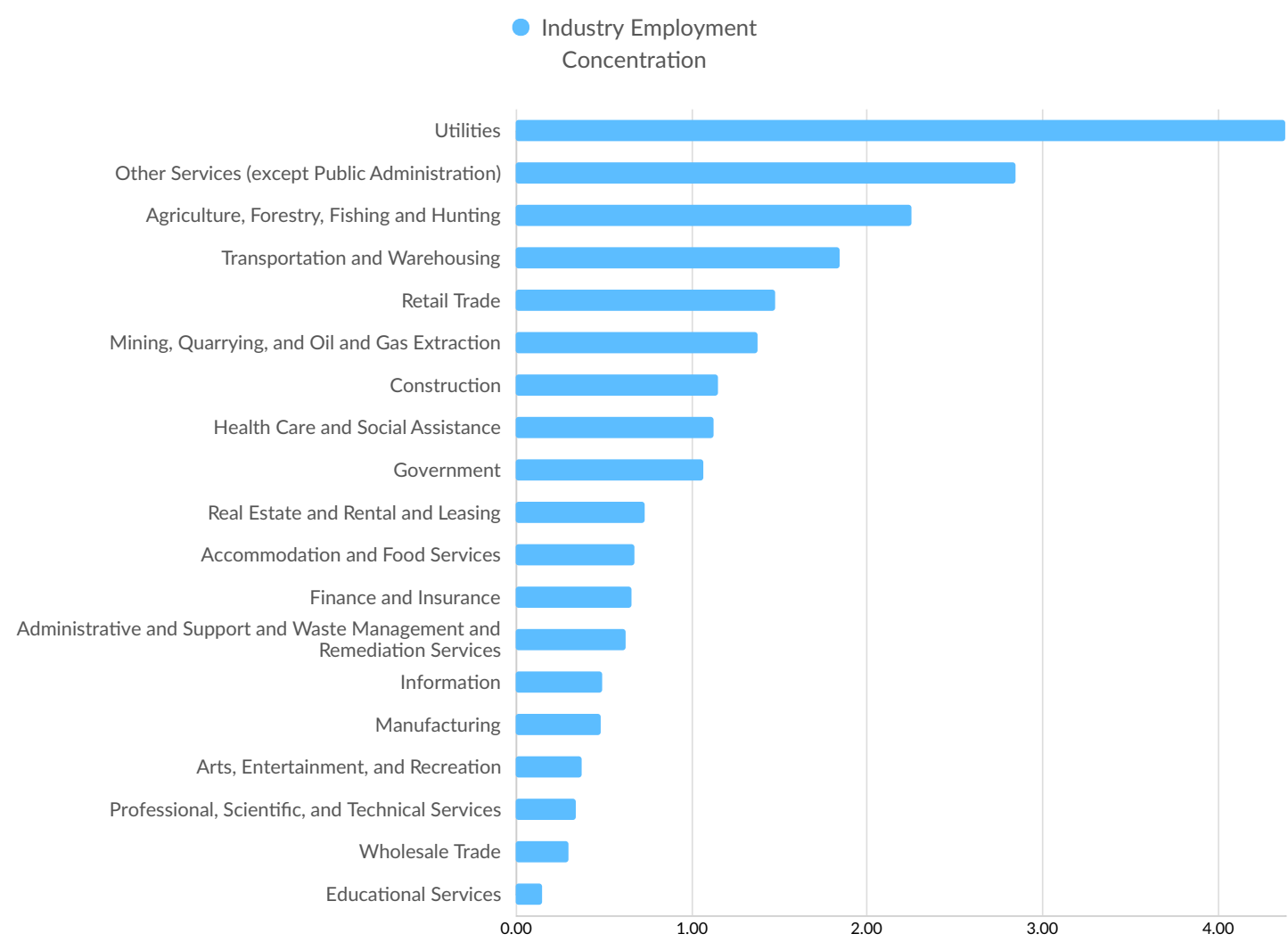
Largest Industries



Top Growing Industries

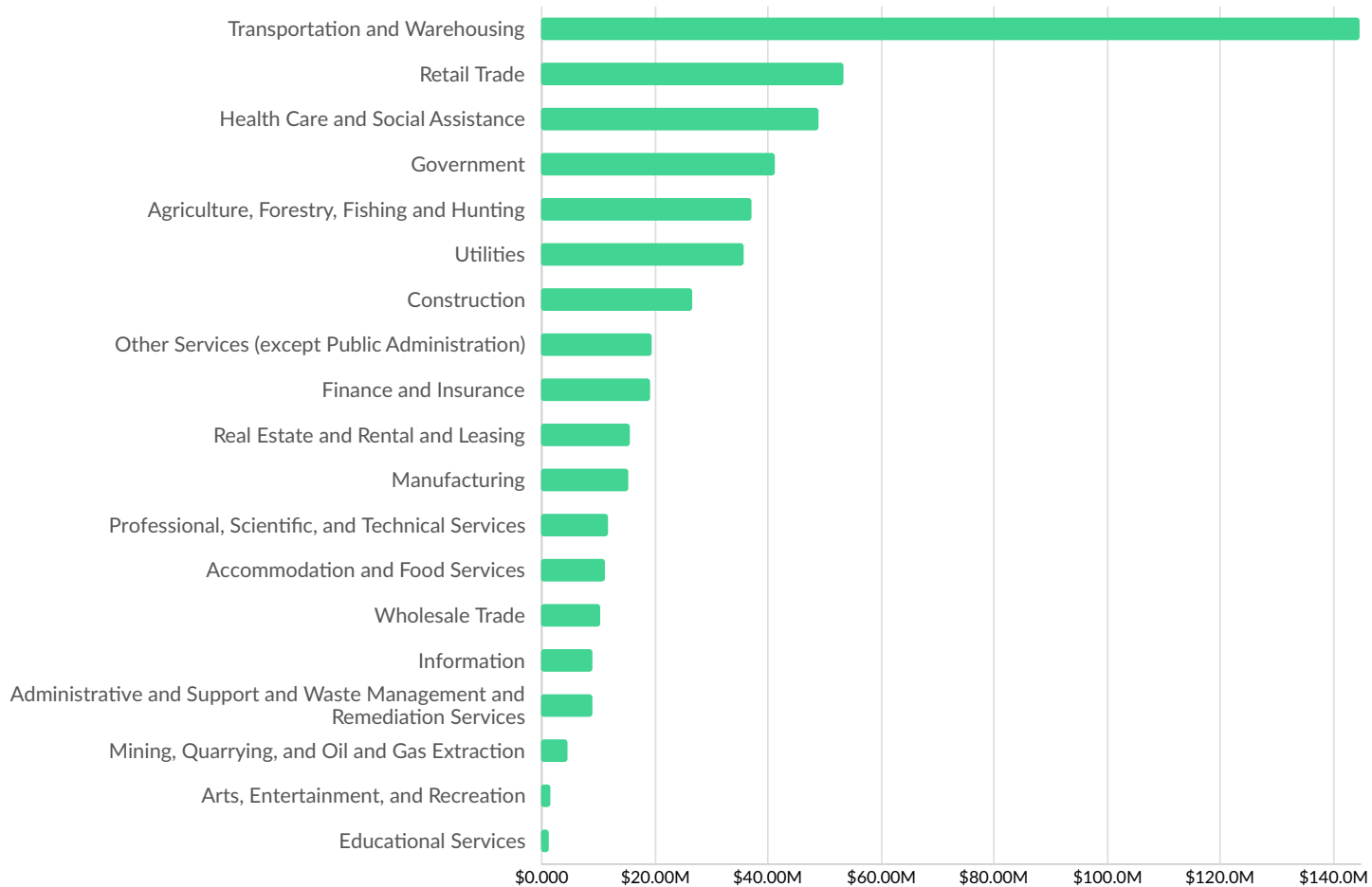


Top Industry Employment Concentration

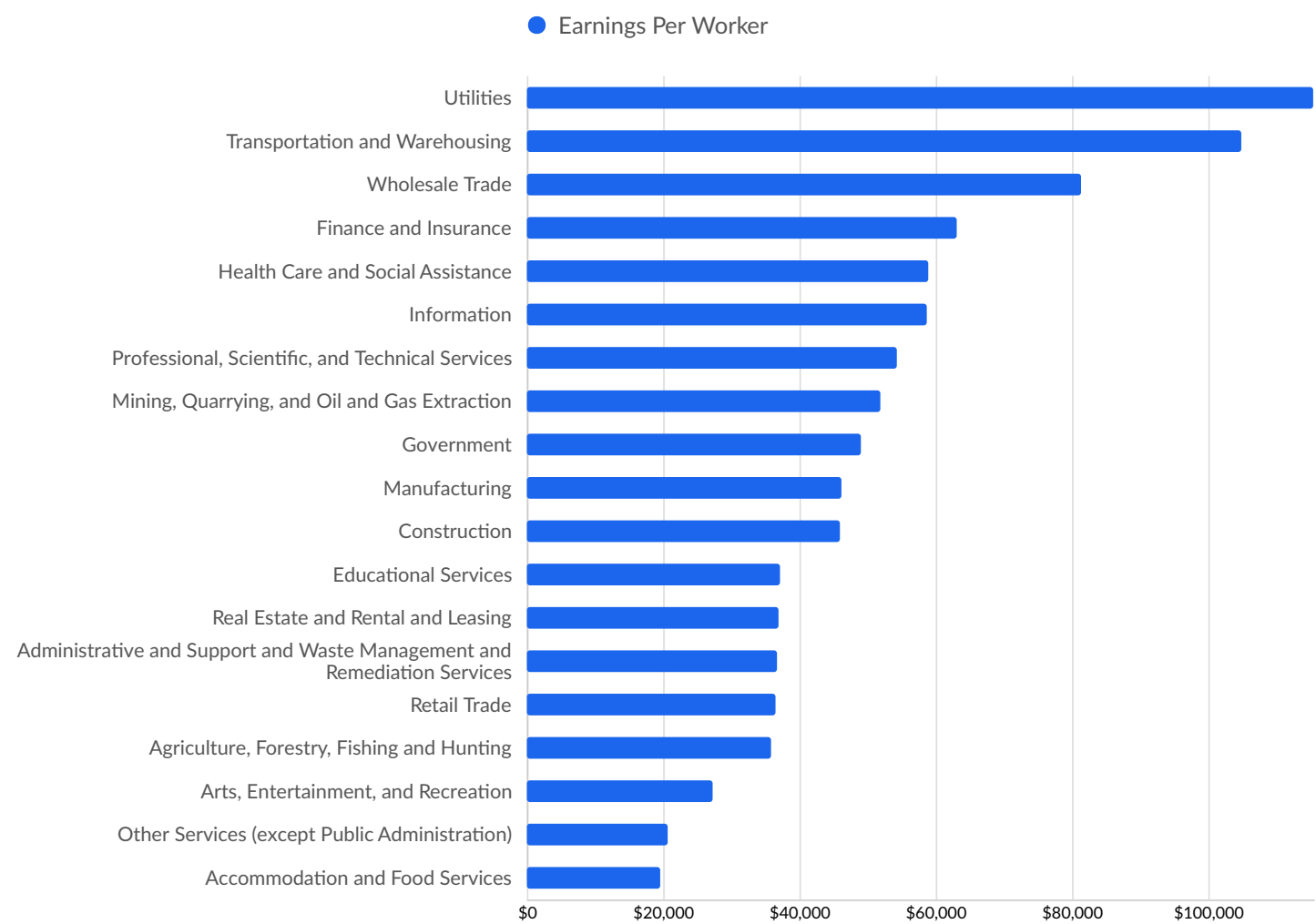


Top Industry GRP

● Gross Regional Product



Top Industry Earnings



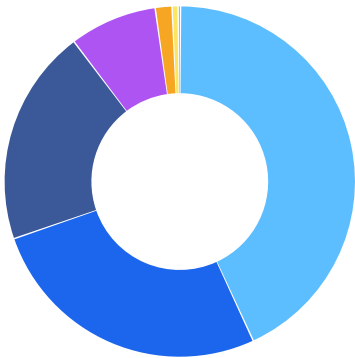
Business Characteristics

1,514 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 1,514 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 99 companies in Van Buren County, AR posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Clinton Public Schools	49 <div></div>	Walmart	61 <div></div>
Southwestern Energy	49 <div></div>	State of Arkansas	28 <div></div>
State of Arkansas	30 <div></div>	Ozark Health	27 <div></div>
Walmart	30 <div></div>	Gentiva	18 <div></div>
Clinton School District	25 <div></div>	Norman Regional Hospital	18 <div></div>
Clinton High School	23 <div></div>	AutoZone	16 <div></div>
Ozark Health Medical Center	23 <div></div>	Shirley School District	14 <div></div>
Ozark Health	21 <div></div>	Taco Bell	14 <div></div>
Acxiom	19 <div></div>	Albertsons	11 <div></div>
First Service Bank	13 <div></div>	Clinton School District	10 <div></div>

Business Size

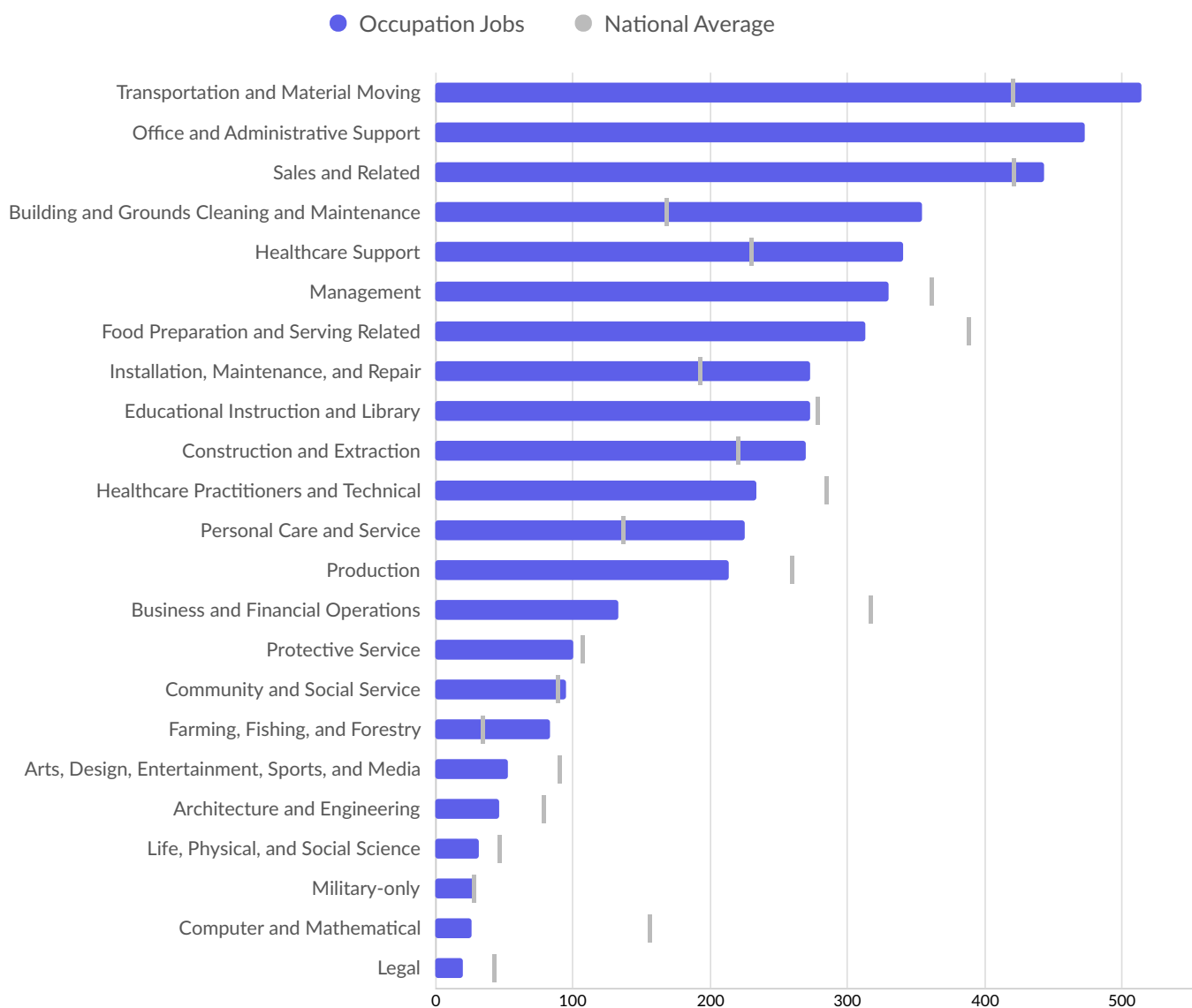


	Percentage	Business Count
1 to 4 employees	43.0%	390
5 to 9 employees	26.6%	241
10 to 19 employees	20.0%	181
20 to 49 employees	8.1%	73
50 to 99 employees	1.5%	14
100 to 249 employees	0.6%	5
250 to 499 employees	0.2%	2

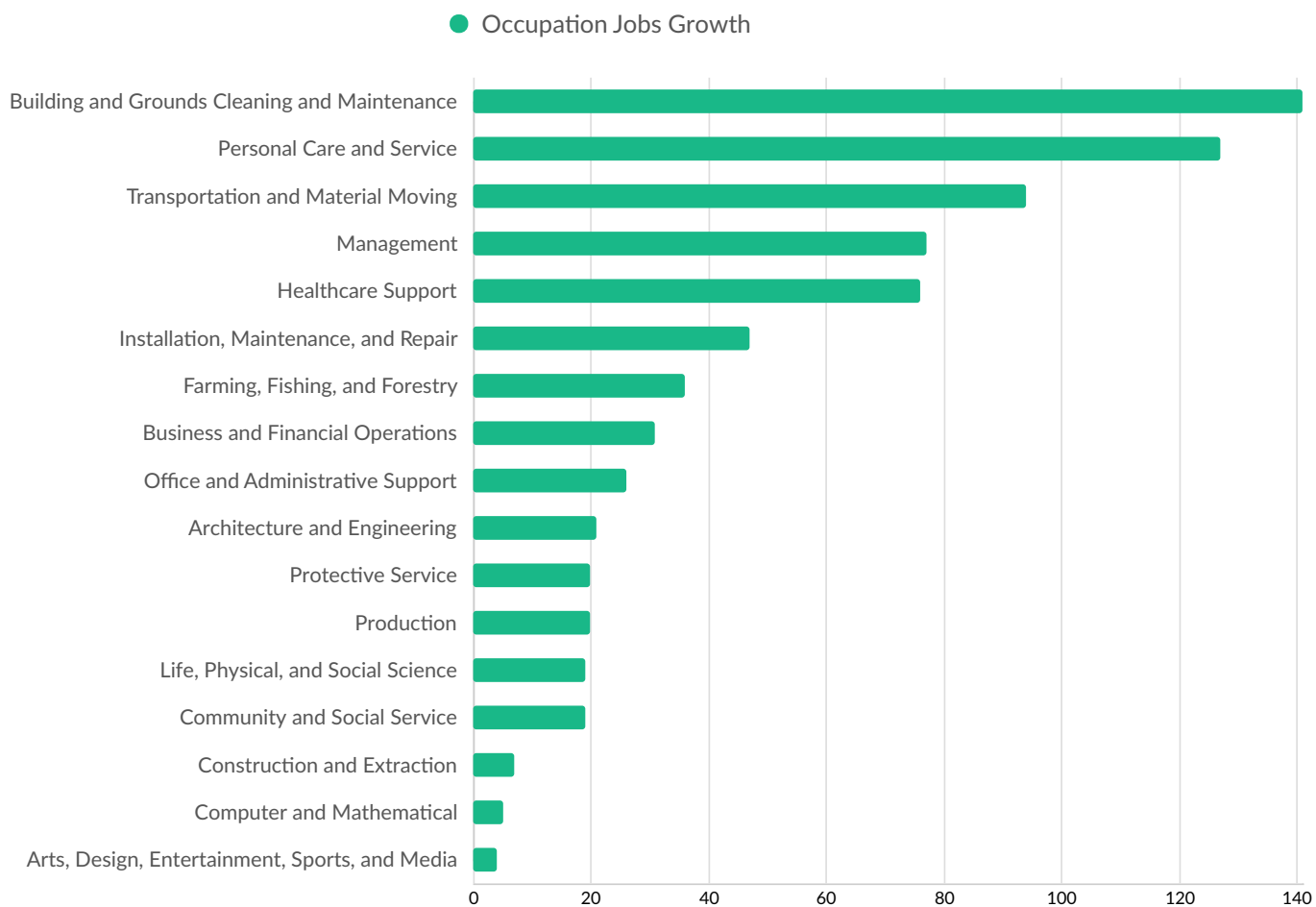
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Workforce Characteristics

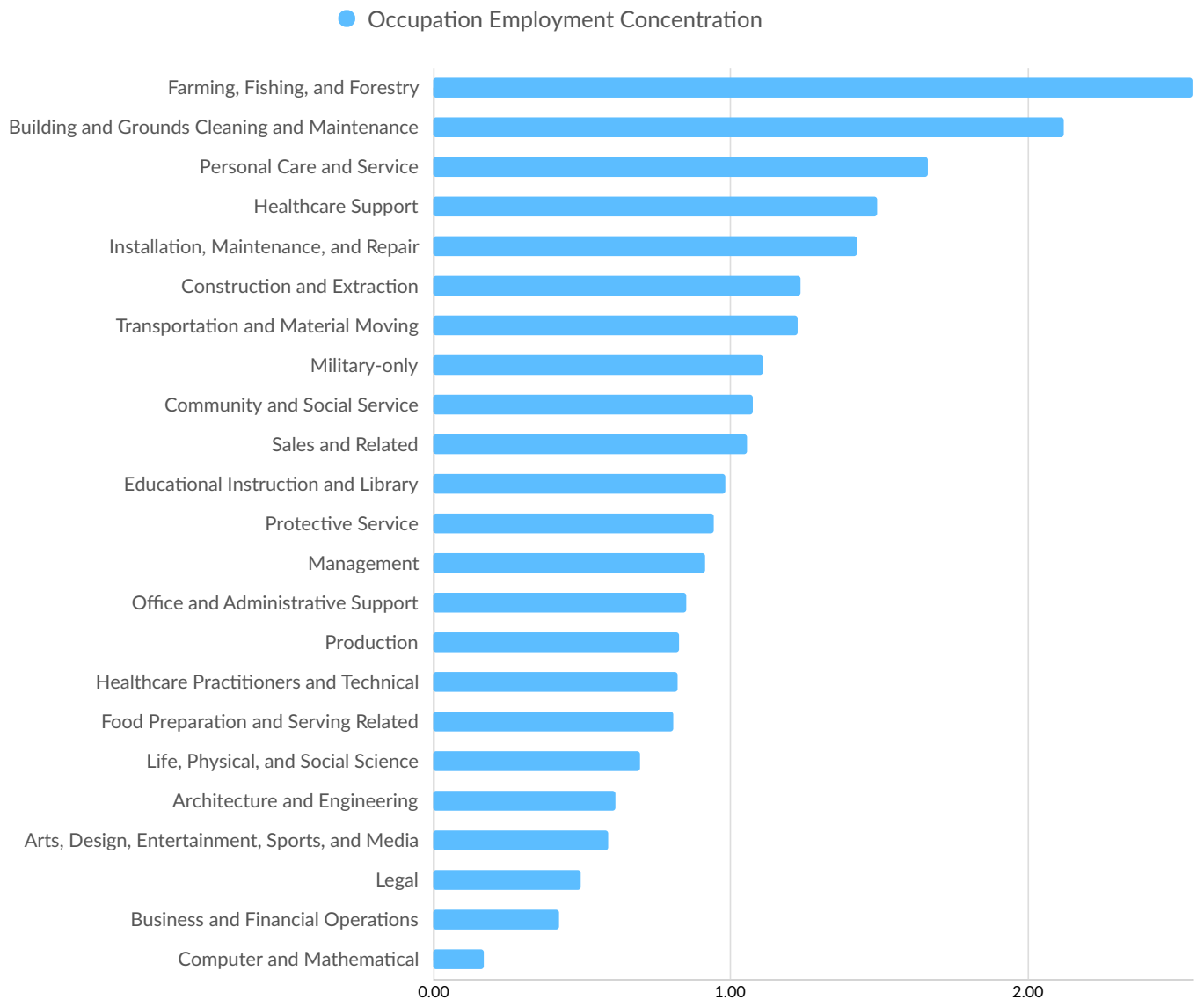
Largest Occupations



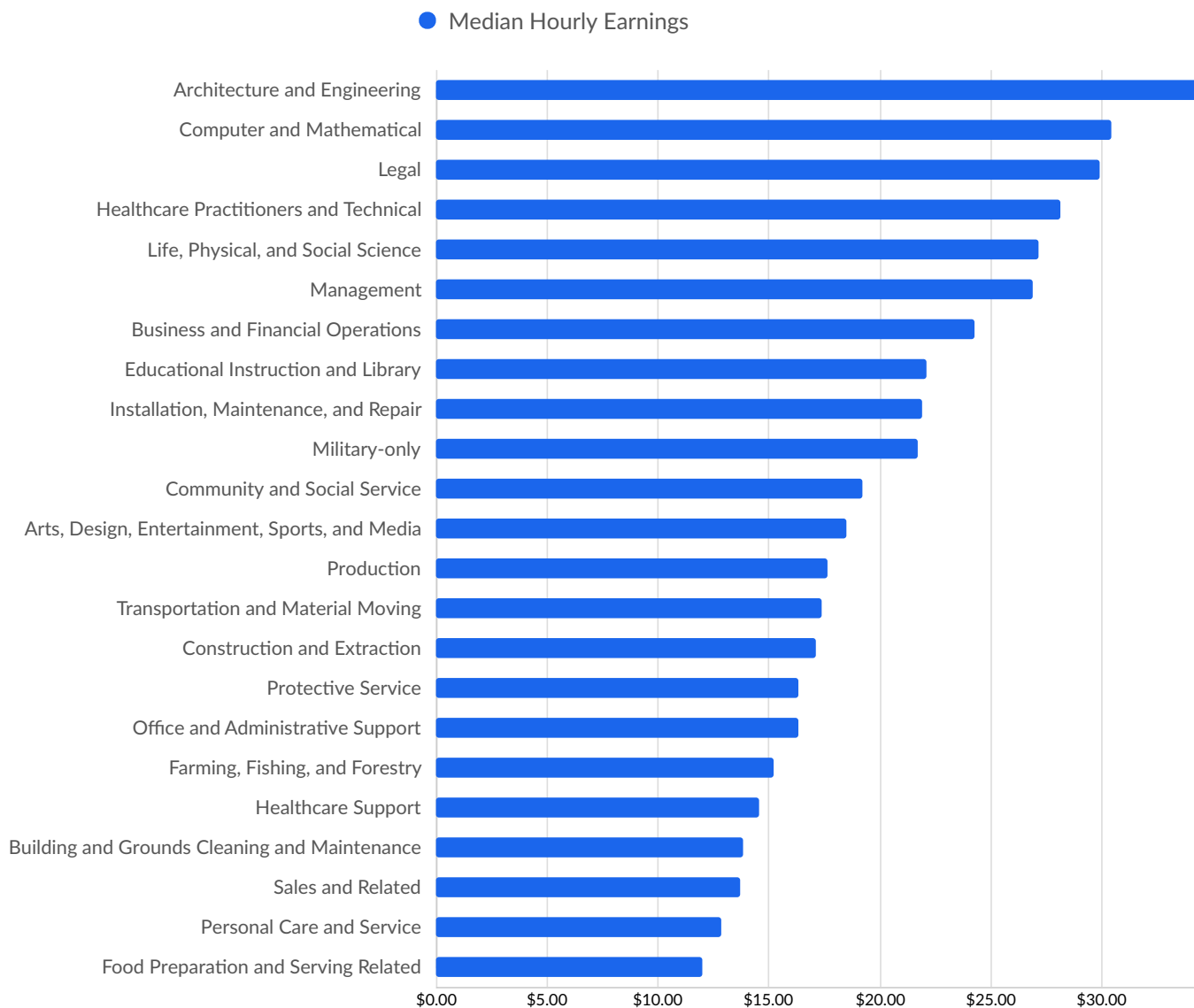
Top Growing Occupations



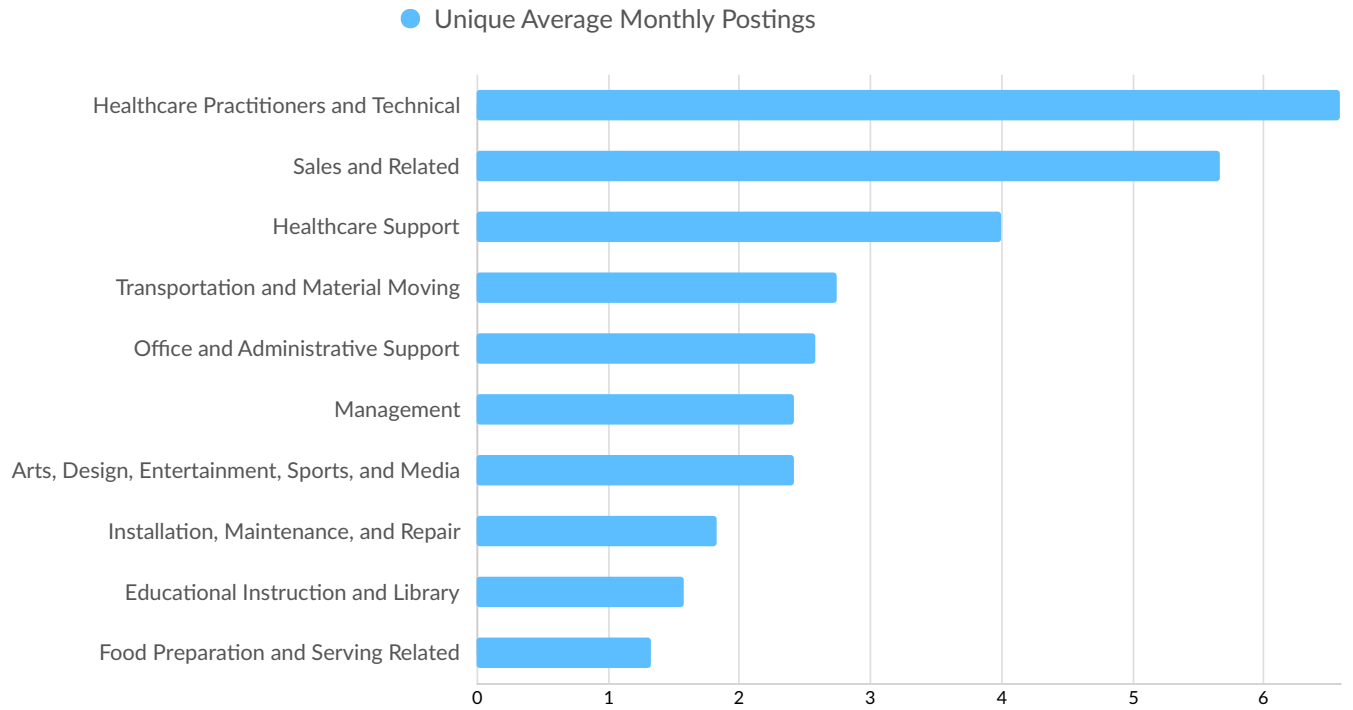
Top Occupation Employment Concentration



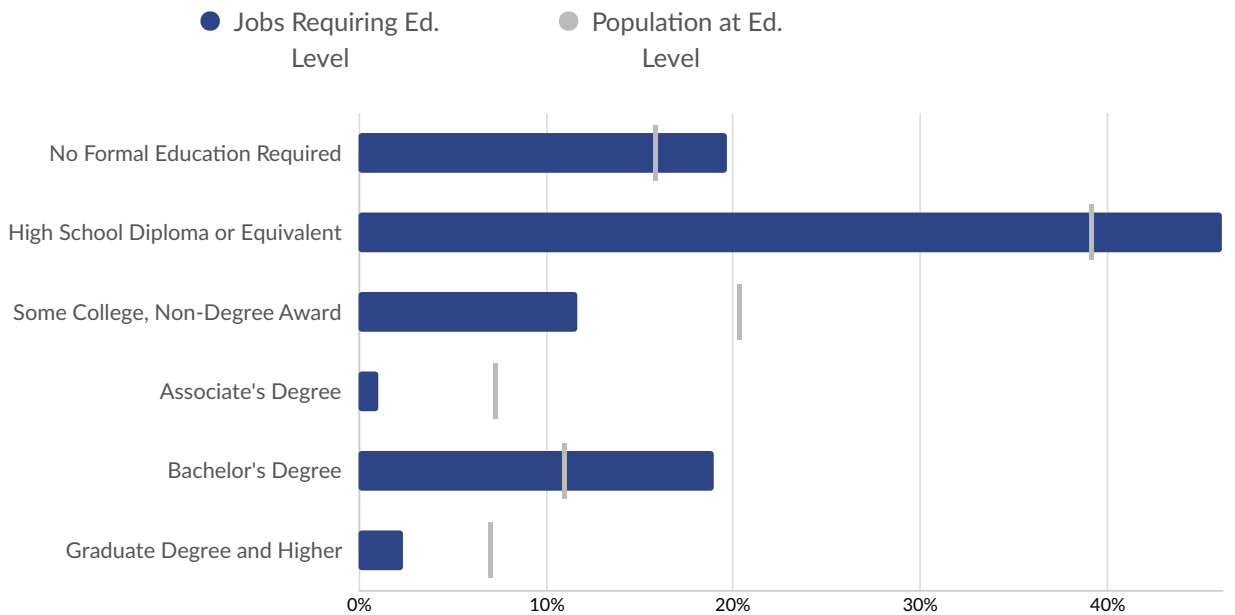
Top Occupation Earnings



Top Posted Occupations



Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

Over the last 5 years, no schools in Van Buren County, AR produced graduates.

In-Demand Skills

