

UTAH LEADS U.S. IN JOBS CREATION ARKANSAS TRAILS U.S. AVERAGE

(September 2018) Utah leads the United States in jobs creation since the end of the Great Recession in mid-2009, expanding payroll employment at a 28.4% rate versus the 14% national average, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics records show. **Arkansas trailed the U.S. in the period,¹ creating new jobs at a 7.5% rate.**

Employment growth in only 17 states has exceeded the national average in the nine-year-old expansion.² Five states without income taxes, including two (Tennessee and Texas) that border Arkansas are among the high-growth states.

	<u>June 2009</u>	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>Growth %</u>
Utah	1,186.0	1,523.3	28.4%
Colorado	2,238.8	2,740.5	22.4%
Texas	10,320.6	12,626.5	22.3%
Florida	7,222.0	8,822.2	22.2%
Nevada	1,142.8	1,389.4	21.6%
Idaho	609.1	739.5	21.4%
Washington	2,859.3	3,439.7	20.3%
Oregon	1,607.8	1,920.8	19.5%
California	14,432.4	17,191.9	19.1%
North Dakota	366.9	435.2	18.6%
Arizona	2,427.3	2,864.9	18.0%
Tennessee	2,602.6	3,070.4	17.9%
South Carolina	1,809.1	2,130.4	17.8%
Georgia	3,898.3	4,553.2	16.8%
North Carolina	3,894.4	4,527.6	16.3%
Michigan	3,837.9	4,434.5	15.5%
Massachusetts	3,204.0	3,685.1	15.0%
United States	131,022,000	149,366,000	14.0%
Arkansas	1,161.4	1,248.9	7.5%

Arkansas is one of 33 states³ that trail the national average in the period.

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¹ Nonfarm payroll employment, June 2009-to-August 2018, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

² National Bureau of Economic Research: <http://www.nber.org/cycles.html>

³ Indiana (June 2009) 2,769.9 (August 2018) 3,136.6, 13.2%; New York 8,517.1, 9,631.8, 13.1%; Minnesota 2,644.7, 2,976.5, 12.5%; Hawaii 593.1, 666.9, 12.4%; Montana 429.4, 479.0, 11.6%; Ohio 5,049.3, 5,625.7, 11.4%; Delaware 416.2, 462.3, 11.1%; Kentucky 1,754.2, 1,930.1, 10.0%; New Hampshire 627.5, 689.3, 9.85%; Virginia 3,652.2, 4,010.7, 9.81%; Rhode Island 458.9, 501.9, 9.4%; South Dakota 403.1, 440.5, 9.3%; Wisconsin 2,735.2, 2,987.7, 9.2%; Nebraska 948.1, 1,032.2, 8.9%; Maryland 2,528.6, 2,749.7, 8.7%; Illinois 5,641.2, 6,120.0, 8.5%; Oklahoma 1,565.5, 1,696.0, 8.3%; Missouri 2,685.4, 2,905.7, 8.2%; Iowa 1,476.3, 1,593.3, 7.9%; New Jersey 3,891.5, 4,195.7, 7.8%; Pennsylvania 5,605.8, 6,018.5, 7.4%; Alabama 1,901.9, 2,040.5, 7.3%; Mississippi 1,096.2, 1,169.5, 6.7%; Kansas 1,341.4, 1,430.3, 6.6%; Maine 595.5, 628.3, 5.5%; Vermont 296.6, 312.9, 5.49%; Louisiana 1,897.0, 1,986.1, 4.7%; Connecticut 1,624.4, 1,699.6, 4.6%; New Mexico 811.2, 846.3, 4.3%; Alaska 320.2, 326.3, 1.9%; Wyoming 286.4, 288.9, 0.9%; West Virginia 749.4, 751.9, 0.3%.