

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS BUSINESS JOURNAL LIST: LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Listed by number of full-time Northwest Arkansas employees*

Rank	Employer Street address, City ZIP Code	Phone Fax	Web Site Address E-mail Contact	NW Arkansas Employees		% Change NWA locations	Chairman, CEO or President
				2006	2005		
1	Wal-Mart Stores Inc. 702 SW 8th. St., Bentonville 72716	(479) 273-4000 (479) 621-2053	www.walmartstores.com through Web site	20,000	20,000	0.0% 24	Lee Scott
2	Tyson Foods Inc. 2200 Oaklawn Ave., Springdale 72762	(479) 290-4000 (479) 290-7984	www.tysonfoodsinc.com through Web site	8,800	8,700	1.1% 27	Richard Bond
3	University of Arkansas** UA Administration Building, Fayetteville 72701	(479) 575-2000 (479) 575-4745	www.uark.edu urelinfo@cavern.uark.edu	5,157	3,992	29.2% NA	John White
4	O.K. Foods Inc. 4601 N. Sixth St., Fort Smith 72904	(479) 783-4186 NA	www.okfoods.com through Web site	4,000	4,224	-5.3% 5	Collier Wenderoth Jr.
5	Whirlpool Corp. of Arkansas 6400 Jenny Lind Road, Fort Smith 72908	(479) 648-2000 (479) 648-2740	www.whirlpool.com Info@whirlpoolcorp.com	3,470	4,575	-24.2% 1	David Whitwam
6	J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc. 615 J.B. Hunt Corp. Drive, Lowell 72745	(479) 659-8800 (479) 820-3419	www.jbhunt.com webmaster@jbhunt.com	2,900	2,832	2.4% 9	Kirk Thompson
7	George's Inc. 402 W. Robinson, Springdale 72764	(479) 927-7000 (479) 927-7200	None None	2,500	2,500	0.0% 4	Gary George
8	Baldor Electric Co. 5711 R.S. Boreham Jr. St., Fort Smith 72901	(479) 646-4711 (479) 648-5792	www.baldor.com charlie_hubbard@baldor.com	2,244	1,780	26.1% 6	John McFarland
9	Washington Regional Medical System 3215 N. Northhills Blvd., Fayetteville 72703	(479) 713-1000 (479) 713-1067	www.wregional.com through Web site	2,200	2,000	10.0% 18	Bill Bradley
10	Sparks Health System 1311 S. "I" St., Fort Smith 72901	(479) 441-4000 (479) 441-5355	www.sparks.org through Web site	2,171	2,160	0.5% 18	John Guest
11	Arvest Bank Group Inc. 125 W. Central, Bentonville 72712	(479) 575-1099 NA	www.arvest.com through Web site	2,094	2,094	0.0% 71↑	Jim Walton
12	St. Edward Mercy Medical Center 7301 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith 72917	(479) 314-6000 (479) 314-1770	www.stedwardmercy.com through Web site	2,000	2,000	0.0% 4	Jerry Stevenson
12	Northwest Health System 609 W. Maple Drive, Springdale 72764	(479) 751-5711 (479) 757-2908	www.northwesthealth.com through Web site	2,000	2,000	0.0% 18	Gary Looper
12	Rogers School District 500 W. Walnut St., Rogers 72756	(479) 636-3910 (479) 631-3504	www.rogers.k12.ar.us through Web site	2,000	1,811	10.4% 30	Janie Darr
15	Simmons Foods Inc. 530 E. Main St., Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-8151 (479) 524-6562	www.simmonsfoods.com None	1,881	1,700	10.6% 6	Mark Simmons
16	Springdale School District 804 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale 72764	(479) 750-8800 (479) 750-8812	www.springdaleschools.org through Web site	1,867	1,648	13.3% 22	Jim Rollins
17	Rheem Manufacturing Co. 5600 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith 72903	(479) 646-4311 (479) 648-6170	www.rheemac.com through Web site	1,800	1,645	9.4% 1	J.R. Jones
18	Fort Smith School District 3205 Jenny Lind, Fort Smith 72902	(479) 785-2501 (479) 784-8108	www.fssc.k12.ar.us through Web site	1,702	1,645	3.5% 30	Benny Gooden
19	McKee Foods Corp. 555 McKee Drive, Gentry 72734	(479) 736-2601 (479) 736-8321	www.mckeefoods.com through Web site	1,600	1,660	-3.6% 1	Tim Broughton
20	Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas 1200 W. Walnut Ave., Rogers 72756	(479) 636-0200 (479) 936-2906	www.mercy4u.com through Web site	1,500	1,500	0.0% 21	Susan Barrett
20	Superior Industries 1901 Borick Drive, Fayetteville 72701	(479) 443-7870 (479) 443-4522	www.superiorind.com through Web site	1,500	1,700	-11.8% 3	P.S. Reddy
22	Bentonville School District 400 NW 2nd St., Bentonville 72712	(479) 254-5000 (479) 271-1159	www.bentonville.k12.ar.us through Web site	1,350	1,350	0.0% 12	Gary Compton
23	Fayetteville School District 1000 W. Stone St., Fayetteville 72701	(479) 444-3000 (479) 444-3004	www.fayar.net through Web site	1,310	1,324	-1.1% 16	Bobby New
24	Harps Food Stores 918 S. Gutensohn Road, Springdale 72764	(479) 751-7601 (479) 751-3625	None None	1,250	1,167	7.1% 19	Roger Collins
25	Peterson Farms Inc. 250 S. Main St., Decatur 72722	(479) 752-5000 (479) 752-5640	www.petersonfarms.com through Web site	1,150	1,150	0.0% 10	Kerry Kinyon
26	Allen Canning Co. 305 E. Main St., Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-6431 (479) 524-3291	www.allencanning.com through Web site	1,000	1,000	0.0% NA	Roderick Allen
26	Cargill Honeysuckle White 1505 S. Old Missouri Road, Springdale 72764	(479) 750-6800 (479) 750-0136	www.honeysucklewhite.com through Web site	1,000	1,000	0.0% 1	John O'Carroll
28	Arkansas Best Corp. 3801 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith 72917	(479) 785-6000 (479) 785-8992	www.abfs.com through Web site	977	865	12.9% 3	Robert Young III
29	Rockline Industries Inc. 1583 E. Mountain Road, Springdale 72764	(479) 756-9251 (479) 756-9075	www.rocklineind.com sales@rocklineind.com	930	930	0.0% 1	Randy Rudolph
30	Pinnacle Foods 1100 W. 15th St., Fayetteville 72701	(479) 443-3451 (479) 521-0854	www.pinnaclefoodscorp.com through Web site	863	863	0.0% 1	Ronald Kerr
31	City of Fort Smith 623 Garrison Ave., Fort Smith 72902	(479) 785-2801 (479) 784-1024	www.fsark.com through Web site	845	865	-2.3% 28	Ray Baker
32	Danaher Corp. 1609 N. Old Missouri Road, Springdale 72764	(479) 751-8500 (479) 751-0929	www.danaher.com through Web site	800	800	0.0% 2	Larry Culp
32	Trane Co. 4811 S. Zero St., Fort Smith 72908	(479) 646-5511 NA	www.trane.com through Web site	800	600	33.3% 1	Mike McFerran
34	City of Fayetteville 113 W. Mountain St., Fayetteville 72701	(479) 575-8330 (479) 718-7698	www.accessfayetteville.org through Web site	753	752	0.1% 15	Dan Coody
35	Cooper Clinic 6801 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith 72902	(479) 452-2077 (479) 484-4670	www.cooperclinic.com through Web site	730	822	-11.2% 18	Raymond Jack Davidson
36	Kennametal Inc. 205 N. 13th St., Rogers 72756	(479) 636-1515 (479) 621-4728	www.kennametal.com kmlthelp@kennametal.com	707	834	-15.2% 3	Markos Tambakaras
37	Gates Rubber Co. 1801N. Lincoln St., Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-8164 (479) 524-6394	www.gates.com through Web site	655	750	-12.7% 1	Bob Steffes

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38	University of Arkansas-Fort Smith †† 5210 Grand Ave., Fort Smith 72904	(479) 788-7000 NA	www.uafor-smith.edu through Web site	625 772	625 772	-19.0% 1	Paul Beran
39	Glad Manufacturing Co. 1700 N. 13th St., Rogers 72756	(479) 636-2845 (479) 659-6410	www.glad.com through Web site	618 618	618 618	0.0% 2	Jeff Fleck
40	Riverside Furniture Corp. 1400 S. 6th St., Fort Smith 72902	(479) 785-8100 NA	www.riverside-furniture.com through Web site	600 700	600 700	-14.3% 2	Howard Spradlin
40	Golden Gate National Senior Care 1000 Beverly Way, Fort Smith 72919	(479) 201-2000 (479) 201-5251	www.beverlycares.com through Web site	600 727	600 727	-17.5% 4	Randy Churchey
40	Kawneer Co. 600 Kawneer Drive, Springdale 72764	(479) 756-2740 (479) 750-6398	www.kawneer.com through Web site	600 600	600 600	0.0% 1	Terry Craft
43	Gerber Products 4301 Harriet Lane, Fort Smith 72904	(479) 784-5211 NA	www.gerber.com through Web site	590 590	590 590	0.0% 1	Karen Flatley
44	La-Z-Boy Arkansas 2601 Country Club Road, Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-6491 (479) 524-9464	www.la-z-boy.com through Web site	525 525	525 525	0.0% 1	Don Butcher
45	Franklin Electric Co. 650 U.S. Highway 412 West, Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-9331 (479) 549-1011	www.fele.com through Web site	500 650	500 650	-23.1% 1	Scott Trumbull
46	DaySpring Cards 20984 Oak Ridge Road, Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-9301 (479) 524-8813	www.dayspring.com through Web site	475 425	475 425	11.8% 6	James Barnett
47	City of Springdale 201 Spring St., Springdale 72764	(479) 750-8119 (479) 750-8559	www.springdaleark.org through Web site	450 450	450 450	0.0% 12	Jerre M. Van Hoose
48	MacSteel 5225 Planters Road, Fort Smith 72902	(479) 646-0223 (479) 646-3418	www.macsteel.com through Web site	424 404	424 404	5.0% 1	John Kelleher
49	John Brown University 2000 W. University Ave., Siloam Springs 72761	(479) 524-9500 (479) 524-9548	www.jbu.edu jbuinfo@jbu.edu	407 407	407 407	0.0% 3	Charles Pollard
50	City of Rogers 300 W. Poplar St., Rogers 72756	(479) 621-1117 (479) 631-2767	www.rogersarkansas.com through Web site	378 379	378 379	-0.3% 12	Steve Womack
	Totals			65,167	65,167	375	

Notes: NA - not available. *Fort Smith-based companies are listed by their employment in that area. **The University of Arkansas included hourly and graduate assistants in this year's estimate. Two part-time employees were counted as one full-time employee for our estimate. †Includes all Arvest Bank Group Inc. subsidiary offices and Waco Title offices. ††The University of Arkansas-Fort Smith numbers reflect the number of employees during the summer of 2006, when fewer students were on campus, to the fall of 2005, so the decrease looks more significant than it would have been if the numbers were comparing fall to fall.

Source: the employers and local Chambers of Commerce

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