

Trade Adjustment Assistance Fiscal Year 2021

State Profile: Arkansas



TRANSITIONING WORKERS TO TOMORROW'S CAREERS

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program is administered by the Employment and Training Administration to provide adversely affected workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, credentials, resources, and support necessary to *(re)build skills for future jobs*. Each fiscal year, the TAA Program invests in training funds to serve workers impacted by foreign trade and helps those eligible for TAA get ready to work through tailored training for new skills that create pathways to well-paying, middle-class jobs.

This state profile uses TAA Program data in fiscal year 2021 and other publicly available administrative data from 2017–2021 to show both a snapshot and trends over time of the program.

KEY BENEFITS OF TAA

- Up to 2 years of tuition-free training
- Job search allowances
- Income support while in training
- Health coverage tax credit
- Wage supplements for older workers
- Relocation allowances

TAA PETITIONS BY INDUSTRY SECTOR IN ARKANSAS, FISCAL YEAR 2021



EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN THE THREE LARGEST INDUSTRIES IN ARKANSAS

(Numbers in thousands)

Industry	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Percent Change
Public Administration	229	228	227	226	222	-3.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	188	193	196	199	192	1.9%
Retail Trade	173	173	171	167	165	-5.1%

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis. *Total full-time and part-time employment by industry (SAEMP25)*, 2016–2020. TAA program and petition data available at: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/tradeact/data>.

TAA PETITIONS CERTIFIED

16
AR

801
U.S.

ESTIMATED WORKERS COVERED BY TAA

1,658
AR

107,454
U.S.

TAA FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED

\$6.5M
AR

\$441.5M
U.S.

TAA PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES IN FISCAL YEAR 2021



69%

of TAA participants in Arkansas **found new jobs**



73%

of TAA participants in Arkansas **received training**



85%

of TAA participants who trained in Arkansas **received credentials**

TRENDS IN TAA OUTCOMES IN ARKANSAS BY FISCAL YEAR

