**Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** is projected to add 3,977 new jobs to the state economy, an increase of 3.58 percent. Of the 15,276 annual job openings, 5,386 are for those created from employees leaving the workforce, while 7,902 are from people changing jobs. Growth and expansion accounts for 1,988 annual openings.

**2-Year Projected (2017-2019) Growth Rate: 3.58%  
Biggest Gain: Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032) – 1,218 jobs  
Fastest Gain: Hoist and Winch Operators (53-7041) – 13.70%   
Biggest and Fastest Loser: Locomotive Engineers (53-4011) – 12 jobs – (3.90%)**

**Short-Term Outlook 2018-2020**

**Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (53-0000)**

The ***Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers*** occupational family is anticipating 162 new jobs, an increase of 3.67 percent. First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators is estimated to increase by 80 jobs. As a whole, the occupational family anticipates 534 job openings annually.

The ***Air Transportation Workers*** occupational family is projected to add 29 jobs to its workforce, an increase of 3.68 percent. Commercial Pilots leads this occupational family with 26 new jobs. As a whole, this occupational family anticipates 87 annual job openings.

***Motor Vehicle Operators*** is predicted to experience strong growth during the 2018-2020 projection period adding 1,798 new jobs, a 3.23 percent gain. Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers is slated to add 1,218 new jobs, placing second in the state in numeric change. Two other occupations in this occupational family are estimated to grow by at least 187 jobs. Around 6,944 annual job openings are anticipated in the occupational family.

The ***Rail Transportation Workers*** and ***Water Transportation*** ***Workers*** occupational families are slated to experience a net gain of 4 jobs and generate 99 annual openings during the 2018-2020 projection period.

The ***Other Transportation Workers*** occupational family is estimated to increase employment by 71, a 2.78 percent gain. Leading this occupational family is Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants with an expected increase of 23 jobs. The occupational family is projected to have 408 job openings annually.

The strongest outlook in the **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** major group is the ***Material Moving Workers*** occupational family, with an expected gain of 1,913 and 7,202 annual job openings. Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand leads the family in growth and is predicted to add 1,136 new jobs to its workforce. Hoist and Winch Operators is slated to increase employment by 13.70 percent, becoming the fastest growing occupation in the state. Three other occupations are slated to grow by at least 160 jobs. On the negative side, Conveyor Operators and Tenders is projected to lose 10 jobs.

**Workforce Development Area Outlook  
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations**

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| **Workforce Development Area** | **2018 Estimated Employment** | **2020 Projected Employment** | **Numeric Change** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Openings- Exits** | **Annual Openings- Transfers** | **Annual Openings-Change** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 27,447 | 28,859 | 1,412 | 5.14% | 1,302 | 1,954 | 706 | 3,962 |
| North Central Arkansas | 6,501 | 6,565 | 64 | 0.98% | 318 | 456 | 32 | 806 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 8,613 | 8,922 | 309 | 3.59% | 423 | 624 | 154 | 1,201 |
| Western Arkansas | 11,275 | 11,824 | 549 | 4.87% | 550 | 804 | 274 | 1,628 |
| West Central Arkansas | 10,069 | 10,523 | 454 | 4.51% | 504 | 726 | 227 | 1,457 |
| Central Arkansas | 11,637 | 11,835 | 198 | 1.70% | 560 | 800 | 99 | 1,459 |
| City of Little Rock | 11,170 | 11,729 | 559 | 5.00% | 549 | 774 | 280 | 1,603 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 3,843 | 3,879 | 36 | 0.94% | 188 | 278 | 18 | 484 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 8,104 | 8,287 | 183 | 2.26% | 390 | 580 | 92 | 1,062 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 6,741 | 6,834 | 93 | 1.38% | 330 | 479 | 46 | 855 |