



# Arkansas

In Arkansas, the food and beverage industry contributes at least **\$7,065,515,000** per annum in value added to the economy, employs at least **52,299** people, and operates **283** facilities.<sup>1</sup>

The food industry in Arkansas also relies heavily on strong access to foreign markets, as processed foods account for approximately **36.2%** of total non-durable exports.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup>Data from 2006 Annual Survey of Manufacturers or 2006 County Business Patterns conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau

<sup>2</sup> Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau