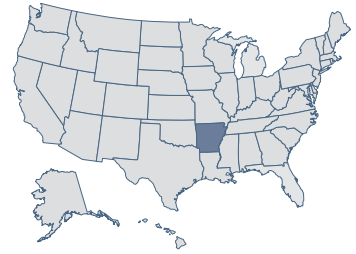


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15 Economic Performance
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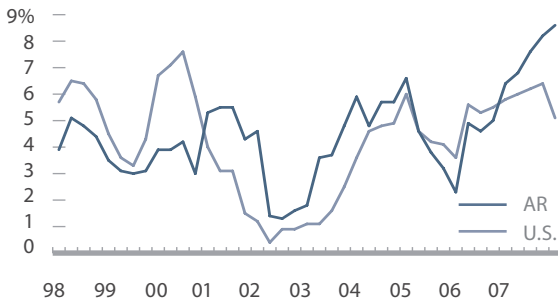
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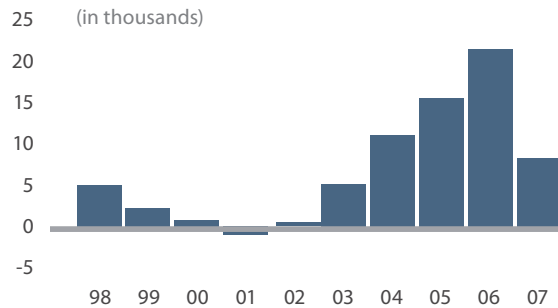
Economic Performance Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A historical measure based on a state's performance (equally weighted average) in the three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.

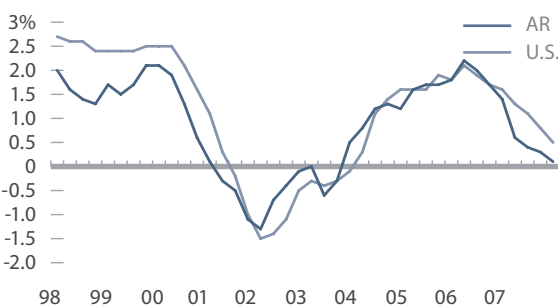
Personal Income Per Capita Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **55.8%** **Rank: 15**



Absolute Domestic Migration Cumulative 1998-2007 **70,395** **Rank: 15**



Non-Farm Payroll Employment Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **9.0%** **Rank: 33**



Economic Outlook Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A forecast based on a state's standing (equally weighted average) in the 15 important state policy variables shown below. Data reflect state + local rates and revenues and any effect of federal deductibility.

Historical Ranking Comparison
2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK RANK

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Variable	Data	Rank
Top Marginal Personal Income Tax Rate	7.00%	33
Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate	6.50%	19
Personal Income Tax Progressivity (change in tax liability per \$1,000 of income)	\$13.23	40
Property Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$17.08	4
Sales Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$35.47	46
Remaining Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$17.59	21
Estate/Inheritance Tax Levied?	No	1
Recently Legislated Tax Changes (2007 & 2008, per \$1,000 of personal income)	-\$0.69	15
Debt Service as a Share of Tax Revenue	5.5%	3
Public Employees Per 10,000 of Population (full-time equivalent)	587.0	34
State Liability System Survey (tort litigation treatment, judicial impartiality, etc.)	58.0	34
State Minimum Wage (federal floor is \$6.55)	\$6.55	1
Average Workers' Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll)	\$1.61	5
Right-to-Work State? (option to join or support a union)	Yes	1
Number of Tax or Expenditure Limits (0= least/worst, 3=most/best)	1	13