

3 REASONS TO LOVE YOUR REGION

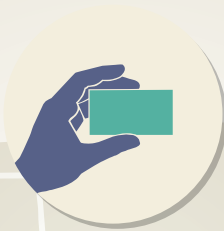
REGION 6

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas



ECONOMIC GROWTH

Region 6 leads the nation in long term GDP growth (2009-2016) with 22% over the seven-year period. Texas and Oklahoma experienced the largest growth in the region with 28% and 22% respectively.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

Region 6 has one of the highest percentages of small employer firms in the United States. 98% of the region's firms have fewer than 500 employees.



FUN FACT!

Four of the five Region 6 states have much higher than average small business employment in mining and fossil fuels extraction. Arkansas has a different kind of mineral wealth—including high-quality quartz deposits and diamonds.

Sources: (1) 2016 Bureau of Economic Analysis; (2, 3) U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Statistics of U.S. Business; (3) <http://geology.com/gemstones/states/arkansas.html>.

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