

# News Release



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## ADWS Launches New Lifestyle Budget Calculator

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — The Arkansas Department of Workforce Services’ Labor Market Information division has officially launched the new version of [Real-Life Arkansas](#), a website featuring a lifestyle budget calculator, targeted toward Arkansas high school and college students to help them plan for the future based on the lifestyle they want to achieve.

“Many high school students are unsure about which career path they want to pursue after they graduate—but they are quite certain about the lifestyle they want,” said ADWS Director Daryl Bassett. “By taking a quick survey on the website about basic lifestyle expectations like housing, transportation and entertainment, users will find out how much money they need to make and which careers pay enough to cover those lifestyle expenses.”

The website also offers more options to help users plan for the future. By simply entering a desired salary, the system will provide information about jobs that pay that salary, what sort of education and training is needed to get there, and what the job market looks like for those occupations.

For those who already know the occupation they want to pursue—the system will tell them how much that occupation will pay so they can work backward to create a budget using that salary.

Real-Life Arkansas is just one of the services provided by ADWS to assist Arkansans in navigating the job market. In addition to employment and unemployment services offered to job seekers at Arkansas Workforce Centers located across the state, ADWS hosts [Arkansas JobLink](#), an online job matching system, and [Discover Arkansas](#), which is a comprehensive resource for occupational wage information, demand occupation lists and other economic data.

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