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ROGERS (Arkansas News Bureau) — Arkansas will see economic growth this year, but the recovery won't produce enough new jobs to top pre-recession levels, a University of Arkansas economist forecast Friday.

"The forecast for Arkansas in 2013 is one of continued plodding growth — not enough strength in employment to regain our pre-recession highs over the next few years," UA economist, Kathy Deck during the 19th annual business forecast luncheon.

Her painted a more rosy picture for Northwest Arkansas, saying the region "is poised to continue enjoying substantial employment gains," with construction of housing and highways, leisure and hospitality, retail entrepreneurship and professional service gains leading the way.

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