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Largest SBA Lenders

Ranked by number of 7(a) and 504 SBA-guaranteed loans made by lenders with offices in Northwest Arkansas to businesses in Northwest Arkansas during fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 2021, and Sept. 30, 2022. Banks with fewer than two loans were excluded. Numbers do not include microloans, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans or Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).

RANK	LENDER ADDRESS, CITY ZIP	PHONE	WEBSITE EMAIL	2022 NWA LOANS 2021 NWA LOANS	% CHANGE	2022 NWA LOAN AMOUNT 2021 NWA LOAN AMOUNT	% CHANGE	SBA CONTACT TITLE
1	Arvest Bank Group Inc. 201 N.E. A St., Bentonville 72712	479-271-1253	arvest.com through website	18 30	-40.00%	\$2,890,900 \$11,728,100	-75.35%	Randy Durbin business banking manager
2	Equity Bank 198 Slack St., Pea Ridge 72751	479-451-4000	equitybank.com through website	6 1	500.00%	\$3,273,200 \$50,000	6446.40%	Brad Daniel president; Ozark Mountain Region
3	Cadence Bank 701 S. 52nd St., Rogers 72758	479-271-4300	cadencebank.com through website	5 4	25.00%	\$3,103,300 \$1,183,700	162.17%	Robin Simpson community bank president
4	U.S. Bank 102 Pointer Trail West, Van Buren 72956	479-471-1836	usbank.com through website	4 5	-20.00%	\$122,700 \$230,700	-46.81%	Mike Richardson Arkansas market president
5	First Financial Bank 2638 E. Joyce Blvd., No. 2, Fayetteville 72703	479-442-7773	ffb1.com through website	3 5	-40.00%	\$4,188,000 \$11,586,000	-63.85%	Ethan Adamson vice president
5	Simmons Bank 3975 W. New Hope Road, Rogers 72758	479-246-0781	simmonsbank.com through website	3 2	50.00%	\$1,367,000 \$421,100	224.63%	Brandi Cook business banker
5	Southern Bancorp 2827 Millennium Drive, Suite No. 2, Fayetteville 72703	479-587-8353	banksouthern.com through website	3 4	-25.00%	\$9,096,000 \$6,685,000	36.07%	Hunter Deweese president; SBA
5	First National Bank of NWA 402 S.W. A St., Bentonville 72712	479-321-5220	fnbnwa.com info@fnbnwa.com	3 2	50.00%	\$620,000 \$435,000	42.53%	Cole Hollowell commercial loan officer
9	Bank OZK 3567 W. New Hope Road, Rogers 72758	479-878-5540	ozk.com through website	2 7	-71.43%	\$639,600 \$3,740,600	-82.90%	Josh Dunlap vice president
9	Regions Bank 5050 W. Northgate Road, Rogers 72758	479-464-1200	regions.com through website	2 4	-50.00%	\$1,926,500 \$3,153,200	-38.90%	Richard Crow vice president
Totals				49 64	-23.44%	\$27,227,200 \$39,213,400	-30.57%	

Notes: Northwest Arkansas defined as Benton, Carroll, Crawford, Madison, Sebastian and Washington counties.
Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, the lenders

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