

Career Clusters

Government & Public Administration is one of the 16 Career Clusters identified by the U.S. Department of Education and adopted by the State of Alabama. These Career Clusters represent more than 79 career pathways with the purpose of assisting students in navigating their way successfully in college and careers.

The Alabama Department of Labor further defines these career pathways by selecting common occupations with related education requirements, work experience, wages and typical training needed, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Included in this pamphlet are the high skilled, high demand, and high wage occupations associated with Government & Public Administration.



Government & Public Administration

Planning and performing government functions at the local, state and federal levels, including governance, national security, foreign service, planning, revenue and taxation, and regulations.

Earnings

ALABAMA STATEWIDE SELECTED OCCUPATIONS	SALARY			
	Occupation	Entry	Average	Experienced
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$34,092	\$57,819	\$69,682	
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	\$23,462	\$30,779	\$34,437	
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	\$29,390	\$39,894	\$45,146	
Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$37,918	\$49,350	\$55,066	
Transportation Inspectors	\$44,452	\$65,647	\$76,244	
Court Reporters	\$18,761	\$37,672	\$47,127	
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	\$29,084	\$42,510	\$49,223	
Compliance Officers, Except Agriculture, Construction, Health and Safety, and Transportation	\$40,426	\$62,600	\$73,687	
Financial Examiners	\$48,480	\$78,042	\$92,823	
Tax Examiners, Collectors, and Revenue Agents	\$34,711	\$53,865	\$63,441	
Statistical Assistants	\$26,063	\$36,707	\$42,029	
Economists	\$53,897	\$104,277	\$129,467	
Urban and Regional Planners	\$41,641	\$58,591	\$67,066	

Employment

ALABAMA STATEWIDE SELECTED OCCUPATIONS	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT		
	Occupation	2012	2022
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	1,240	1,280	30
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	3,260	3,260	85
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	3,120	3,520	105
Postal Service Mail Carriers	4,910	3,600	170
Transportation Inspectors	380	460	20
Court Reporters	450	480	10
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	600	700	35
Compliance Officers, Except Agriculture, Construction, Health and Safety, and Transportation	1,650	1,690	35
Financial Examiners	250	260	5
Tax Examiners, Collectors, and Revenue Agents	1,040	1,050	35
Statistical Assistants	190	210	5
Economists	60	60	0
Urban and Regional Planners	330	360	20

Education

HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS

	Work Experience	Job Training
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	↑	●
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	▬	●
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	▬	●
Postal Service Mail Carriers	▬	○
Transportation Inspectors	▬	●

SOME COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

Court Reporters	▬	○
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	▬	○

BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND ABOVE

Compliance Officers, Except Agriculture, Construction, Health and Safety, and Transportation	▬	●
Financial Examiners	▬	●
Tax Examiners, Collectors, and Revenue Agents	▬	●
Statistical Assistants	▬	○
Economists	▬	○
Urban and Regional Planners	▬	○

Typical On-the-Job Training Needed to Attain Competency	Work Experience in a Related Occupation
None	○ More than 5 years
Short-term On-the-Job Training	● 1 to 5 years
Moderate-term On-the-Job Training	● Less than 1 year
Long-term On-the-Job Training	● None
Apprenticeship	◆
Internship/Residency	▲

Career Snapshot

The occupations reporting the highest average salaries require no prior work experience in a related occupation, including: Economists, Financial Examiners, and Transportation Inspectors. Economists and Financial Examiners require an education level of at least a Bachelor's degree; and Transportation Inspectors are required to have a high school degree, or less. Financial Examiners and Transportation Inspectors are required to complete moderate-term on-the-job training.

The occupations reporting the highest average annual openings are occupations that require a high school degree or less and no prior work experience in a related occupation. These include Court, Municipal, & License Clerks; Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs; and Postal Service Mail Carriers. Court, Municipal, & License Clerks and Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs, require moderate-term on-the-job training and Post Service Mail Carriers are required short-term on-the-job training.

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- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

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