

Career Clusters

Human Services 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 Human Services.



Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care, and consumer services.

Earnings

Occupation	SALARY		
	Entry	Average	Experienced
Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	\$16,839	\$19,697	\$21,126
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$27,087	\$38,540	\$44,267
Social and Human Service Assistants	\$16,844	\$23,558	\$26,915
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	\$18,070	\$31,529	\$38,258
Massage Therapists	\$18,973	\$29,181	\$34,285
Manicurists and Pedicurists	\$16,717	\$20,884	\$22,968
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	\$30,979	\$40,169	\$44,764
Directors, Religious Activities and Education	\$20,688	\$41,595	\$52,048
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$28,751	\$40,580	\$46,495
Exercise Physiologists	\$30,003	\$43,153	\$49,728
Marriage and Family Therapists	\$34,817	\$43,784	\$48,268
Mental Health Counselors	\$29,937	\$42,720	\$49,111
Rehabilitation Counselors	\$22,220	\$38,655	\$46,873

Employment

Occupation	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT		
	2012	2022	Average Annual Openings
Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	3,100	3,420	125
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	760	990	40
Social and Human Service Assistants	1,900	2,370	95
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	2,870	3,240	70
Skin Care Specialists	290	410	15
Massage Therapists	650	780	20
Manicurists and Pedicurists	580	680	15
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	160	490	5
Directors, Religious Activities and Education	6,840	7,760	325
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	4,050	4,510	135
Exercise Physiologists	70	70	0
Marriage and Family Therapists	320	410	15
Mental Health Counselors	840	1,040	40
Rehabilitation Counselors	940	1,130	40

Education

Work Experience Job Training

HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS

Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers		
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors		
Social and Human Service Assistants		
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors		

SOME COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

Massage Therapists		
Manicurists and Pedicurists		
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors		

BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND ABOVE

Directors, Religious Activities and Education		
Child, Family, and School Social Workers		
Exercise Physiologists		
Marriage and Family Therapists		
Mental Health Counselors		
Rehabilitation Counselors		

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 a Bachelor's degree or higher and no work experience in a related occupation. These occupations include Marriage & Family Therapists, Exercise Physiologists, and Mental Health Counselors. Marriage & Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors are required to complete an internship/residency as on-the-job training.

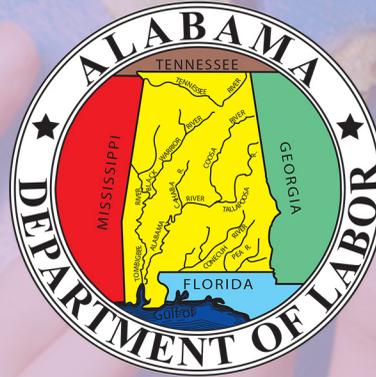
The occupations reporting the highest average annual openings include Directors, Religious Activities & Education; Child, Family, & School Social Workers; and Laundry & Dry-Cleaning Workers. Laundry & Dry-Cleaning Workers require a high school degree, or less, and short-term on-the-job training. Directors, Religious Activities & Education and Child, Family, & Social Workers require a Bachelor's degree or higher. Directors, Religious Activities & Education, also require 1 to 5 years of prior work experience in a related occupation.

Career Clusters

- 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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