



CAREER PATH

Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Government & Public Administration

CAREER PATHWAY

Governance



LEGISLATOR

Develop laws and statutes at the federal, state, or local level. Includes only elected officials

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a legislator are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Legislators	13.7%	22.6%	63.8%
Top executives	15.5%	25.8%	58.7%
Management	18.1%	26.5%	55.4%

Most Common Educational Level: Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	\$15,400	\$16,900	\$51,100
Missouri	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	\$25,800	\$29,000	\$32,200

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Legislator	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2008	2018		
United States	67,600	68,100	+ 1 %	1,970
Missouri	480	480	N/A	N/A

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO
(660) 248-3391
www.centralmethodist.edu

Evangel University

Springfield, MO
(417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
(573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Northwest Missouri State University

Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Park University

Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

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Saint Louis University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri

- Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri

- St. Louis
St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Webster University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 961-2660
www.webster.edu



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