



CAREER PATH

# Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER  
**Human Services**

CAREER PATHWAY  
**Family and Community Services**



## SOCIOLOGIST

Study human society and social behavior by examining the groups and social institutions that people form, as well as various social, religious, political, and business organizations. May study the behavior and interaction of groups, trace their origin and growth, and analyze the influence of group activities on individual members.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a sociologist 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
Sociologists	0.0%	10.2%	89.8%
Social scientists and related workers	0.7%	6.8%	92.5%
Life, physical, and social science	5.6%	12.7%	81.7%

Most Common Educational Level: Master's degree

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](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$21.45	\$28.99	\$42.42
	Yearly	\$44,600	\$60,300	\$88,200
Missouri	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	—	—	—

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Sociologist	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	3,700	4,100	+ 10 %	100
Missouri	N/A	N/A	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](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

**Avila University**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 942-8400  
[www.avila.edu](http://www.avila.edu)

**Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 322-0110  
[www.calvary.edu](http://www.calvary.edu)

**Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences**  
Fayette, MO  
(660) 248-3391  
[www.centralmethodist.edu](http://www.centralmethodist.edu)

**College of the Ozarks**  
Point Lookout, MO  
(417) 334-6411  
[www.cofo.edu](http://www.cofo.edu)

**Columbia College**  
Columbia, MO  
(573) 875-8700  
[www.ccis.edu](http://www.ccis.edu)

**Culver-Stockton College**  
Canton, MO  
(573) 288-6000  
[www.culver.edu](http://www.culver.edu)

**Drury University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 873-7879  
[www.drury.edu](http://www.drury.edu)

**East Central College**  
Union, MO  
(636) 583-5193  
[www.eastcentral.edu](http://www.eastcentral.edu)

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**Evangel University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 865-2811  
[www.evangel.edu](http://www.evangel.edu)

**Lincoln University**  
Jefferson City, MO  
(573) 681-5000  
[www.lincolnu.edu](http://www.lincolnu.edu)

**Lindenwood University**  
Saint Charles, MO  
(636) 949-2000  
[www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu)

**Maryville University of Saint Louis**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(800) 627-9855  
[www.maryville.edu](http://www.maryville.edu)

**Missouri Southern State University**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 625-9300  
[www.mssu.edu](http://www.mssu.edu)

**Missouri State University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 836-5000  
[www.missouristate.edu](http://www.missouristate.edu)

**Missouri Valley College**  
Marshall, MO  
(660) 831-4000  
[www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu)

**Northwest Missouri State University**  
Maryville, MO  
(660) 562-1212  
[www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu)

**Park University**  
Parkville, MO  
(816) 741-2000  
[www.park.edu](http://www.park.edu)

**Rockhurst University**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 501-4000  
[www.rockhurst.edu](http://www.rockhurst.edu)

**Saint Louis University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 977-2222  
[www.imagine.slu.edu](http://www.imagine.slu.edu)

**Southeast Missouri State University**  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
(573) 651-2000  
[www.semo.edu](http://www.semo.edu)

**Southwest Baptist University**  
Bolivar, MO  
(800) 526-5859  
[www.sbuniv.edu](http://www.sbuniv.edu)

**Truman State University**  
Kirksville, MO  
(660) 785-4000  
[www.truman.edu](http://www.truman.edu)

**University of Central Missouri**  
Warrensburg, MO  
(660) 543-4111  
[www.ucmo.edu](http://www.ucmo.edu)

**University of Missouri - Columbia**  
Columbia, MO  
(573) 882-2121  
[www.missouri.edu](http://www.missouri.edu)

**University of Missouri  
- Kansas City**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 235-1000  
[www.umkc.edu](http://www.umkc.edu)



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