



CAREER PATH  
**Human Services**

CAREER CLUSTER  
**Hospitality and Tourism**

CAREER PATHWAY  
**Restaurants and Food/Beverage Services**



# BARTENDER

Mix and serve drinks to patrons, directly or through waitstaff.

## Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a bartender 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
<b>Bartenders</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>
Food and beverage serving workers	60.9%	29.0%	10.1%
Food preparation and serving related	68.7%	23.6%	7.8%

Most Common Educational Level: Short-term on-the-job training

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	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$7.53	\$8.54	\$10.98
	Yearly	\$15,700	\$17,800	\$22,800
Missouri	Hourly	\$7.25	\$7.93	\$10.00
	Yearly	\$15,100	\$16,500	\$20,800

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

## National and State Employment Trends

Bartenders	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2008	2018		
United States	508,700	549,500	+8%	22,200
Missouri	9,870	11,050	+12%	480

\*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)

### Bartending Institute of St Louis

Saint Louis, MO  
 (314) 997-7797  
[www.pbsa.com/Schools/StLouis/bartending\\_school\\_mo.html](http://www.pbsa.com/Schools/StLouis/bartending_school_mo.html)

### International School of Bartending

Kansas City, MO  
 (816) 753-3900  
[www.pbsa.com/Schools/KansasCity/bartending\\_schools\\_kc.html](http://www.pbsa.com/Schools/KansasCity/bartending_schools_kc.html)



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