

2012 Census of Governments: Employment Summary Report

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Table 1.

Categories of Employees at the Federal, State, and Local Levels by Function: 2012

Function	Total March full-time and part-time employment	Percentage of total government employment	Percentage employed at the federal level	Percentage employed at the state level	Percentage employed at the local level
Total U.S. Employment	22,040,106	100.0	12.7	24.0	63.3
Financial administration	532,794	2.4	22.3	30.5	47.2
Other government administration	441,516	2.0	5.6	12.9	81.5
Judicial and legal	491,729	2.2	12.8	35.6	51.7
National defense and international relations	790,966	3.6	100.0	0.0	0.0
Police protection ¹	1,183,717	5.4	16.2	9.1	74.6
Persons with power of arrest ¹	723,427	3.3	0.0	9.5	90.5
Other police employees ¹	267,936	1.2	0.0	14.7	85.3
Fire protection	426,663	1.9	0.0	0.0	100.0
Firefighters	389,450	1.8	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other fire employees	37,213	0.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
Corrections	745,862	3.4	5.1	59.6	35.3
Highways	521,254	2.4	0.6	43.2	56.3
Air transportation	95,154	0.4	50.2	3.3	46.4
Water transport and terminals	18,409	0.1	25.9	25.8	48.3
Public welfare	532,332	2.4	1.8	44.1	54.1
Health	643,795	2.9	25.5	32.2	42.3
Hospitals	1,259,049	5.7	16.8	33.5	49.7
Social insurance administration	154,407	0.7	43.5	56.2	0.3
Housing and community development	128,317	0.6	11.1	0.0	88.9
Parks and recreation	418,491	1.9	6.4	10.0	83.6
Natural resources	369,484	1.7	49.7	38.9	11.4
Solid waste management	116,377	0.5	0.0	2.2	97.8
Sewerage	129,224	0.6	0.0	1.3	98.7
Water supply	178,633	0.8	0.0	0.4	99.6
Electric power	81,448	0.4	0.0	5.1	94.9
Gas supply	11,734	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
Transit	233,467	1.1	0.0	14.4	85.6
Education	10,978,246	49.8	0.1	24.8	75.1
Elementary and secondary education	7,698,741	34.9	0.0	0.8	99.2
Instructional—elementary and secondary	5,246,991	23.8	0.0	0.8	99.2
Other employees—elementary and secondary	2,451,750	11.1	0.0	0.6	99.4
Higher education	3,176,999	14.4	0.0	81.0	19.0
Instructional—higher education	1,132,085	5.1	0.0	73.5	26.5
Other employees—higher education	2,044,914	9.3	0.0	85.1	14.9
Other education	102,506	0.5	10.2	89.8	0.0
Libraries	183,812	0.8	2.1	0.4	97.5
Space research and technology	18,201	0.1	100.0	0.0	0.0
Postal service	602,920	2.7	100.0	0.0	0.0
State liquor stores	11,824	0.1	0.0	100.0	0.0
All other and unallocable	740,281	3.4	26.6	25.9	47.5

¹ The data for "Police protection—persons with power of arrest" and "Police protection—other" reflect only state and local government employees. These categories do not sum to "Police protection total" because a breakout is not available for police protection employees at the federal level.

Note: For information on sampling and nonsampling error or definitions, see <www.census.gov/govs/apes/how_data_collected.html>. Data users who create their own estimates from these tables should cite the U.S. Census Bureau as the source of the original data only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 Census of Governments: Employment Component.