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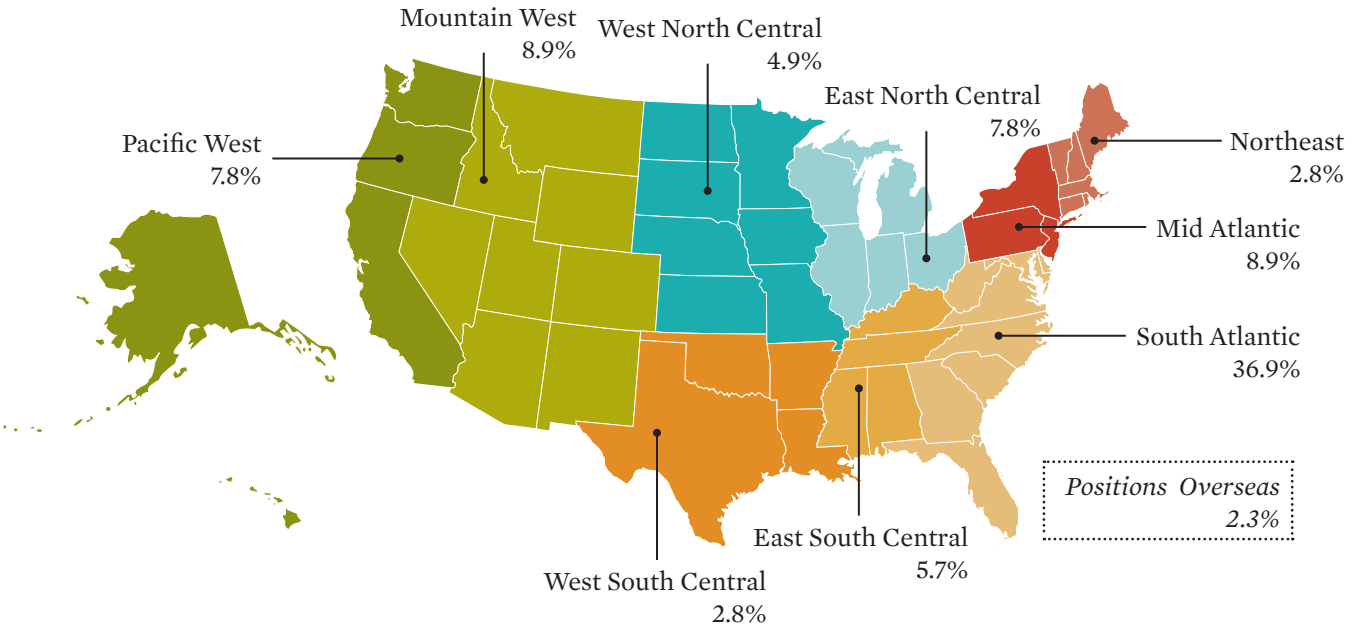
Social Sciences

FEDERAL CAREER GUIDE

Are you interested in pursuing a job in a social science field? The federal government offers a variety of opportunities for individuals with knowledge and skills in community planning, economics, psychology, social work and more. For example, psychologists help assess and rehabilitate the mental health illnesses of veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Sports specialists create and manage physical activity for the armed forces in the Department of the Army and archivists manage and preserve historical documents at the National Archives and Records Administration.

This guide will give you a glimpse of the type of physical science jobs available in the government. For more information about searching and applying for positions in the federal government, visit **gogovernment.org**

Social Sciences Positions by Region



Top Social Sciences Fields

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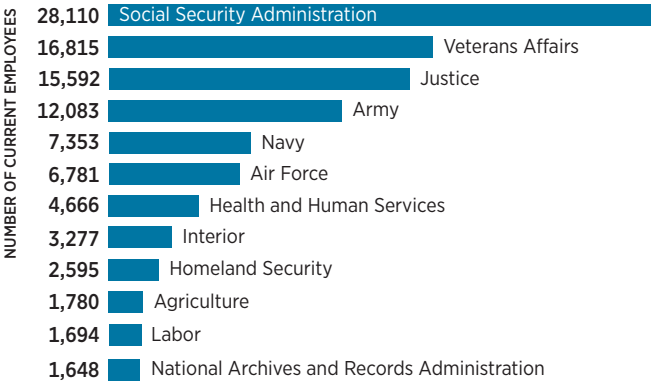
Top Agencies with Employees in Social Sciences



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SEARCH FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES POSITIONS

With so many opportunities to use your social sciences skills, it may be helpful to sort positions by **job category**. The most common categories are listed below. You can search **USAJOBS.gov** using these keywords or by using the job series code, a four-digit number corresponding to a government job category.

Job Categories

0030 Sports Specialist
0060 Chaplain
0101 Social Science Specialist
0102 Social Science Technician
0107 Health Insurance Specialist
0110 Economist
0130 Foreign Affairs Specialist
0150 Geographer
0180 Psychologist
0185 Social Worker
1410 Librarian
1411 Library Clerk
1421 Archive Technician

Search Tips

As the nation's largest employer, the federal government has thousands of positions open at any one time. Here are our top tips for finding the right job announcements for you:

1. **Do Your Research.**
   Explore a variety of positions and agencies, then focus your search to a few that align best with your interests and skills.
2. **Visit Agency Websites.**
   Learn more about an agency's mission, structure and current hiring on their website.
3. **Create an account on USAJOBS.gov**
   Save your job searches, build your resume and search for positions at **USAJOBS.gov**

Did You Know?

- More than 30 percent of employees in social science fields are under the age of 40.
- More than 20 percent of employees in social science fields earn $100,000 or more per year.

Examples of Job Positions

Librarian (1410)
Department: Department of Defense
Agency: Washington Headquarters Services
Salary Range: $89,000–$115,700/year
Location: Washington, D.C.

As a librarian, you will:
- Serve as the functional expert in library information systems to support the organizational mission
- Develop, coordinate and monitor the ongoing evolution of the Pentagon Library

Urban Landscape Climate Change Coordinator (0150)
Department: Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service
Salary Range: $89,033–$136,700/year
Location: Washington, D.C.

As a coordinator you will:
- Develop effective landscape-level management response to climate change challenges
- Contribute to urban landscape and ecoregional climate change science and adaptation

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