Where do state and local government employees work?

A focus on how education jobs vary between state and local governments

Education has 10 times the employees of the 2nd largest category of employment, hospitals.

Among education employment, local government primarily consists of elementary and secondary education, while state government primarily consists of higher education.

Top 10 categories

- Education: Local 8.1, State 2.7
- Hospitals: Local 2.7, State 0
- Police: Local 0.1, State 0
- Corrections: Local 0.1, State 0
- Public Welfare: Local 0.1, State 0
- Highways: Local 0.1, State 0
- Health: Local 0.1, State 0
- Judicial and legal: Local 0.1, State 0
- Fire protection: Local 0.1, State 0
- Other and unallocable\(^1\): Local 0.1, State 0

State and local employees (in millions)

- Education: Local 831,687, State 5,168,011
- Hospitals: Local 284,045, State 1,747,835
- Police: Local 293,926, State 92,650
- Corrections: Local 44,986, State 15,576
- Public Welfare: Local 15,576, State 4,986
- Highways: Local 15,576, State 4,986
- Health: Local 4,986, State 1,747
- Judicial and legal: Local 4,986, State 1,747
- Fire protection: Local 4,986, State 1,747
- Other and unallocable\(^1\): Local 4,986, State 1,747

\(^1\) "Other and unallocable" is not a summation of the remaining small categories shown separately in the source data. Refers only to employees not assignable to any single category.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll. The data, classification manual, and survey methodology can be found at [www.census.gov/govs/apes/](http://www.census.gov/govs/apes/)