



Government Virtual Learning

**12th grade Government
Occupations in Government**

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Objective/Learning Target:

Learning Target: I can identify the many occupations available in local, state and federal government

Warm Up

#1 Name as many occupations in government you can without looking it up



#2 Cross out any elected positions on your list.
How many do you have left?



Warm Up check- answers will vary

It would be easier to come up with a list of common career options that don't have a place within the government, than to list all of the employment areas covered under the umbrella of government work. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics does provide a useful conceptual breakdown of government employment, using six categories listed in the chart below:

CATEGORY	Number of Jobs	Median Salary
Administrative	724,633	\$85,343
Professional	469,456	\$94,583
Technical	306,983	\$47,254
Blue Collar	172,967	\$52,624
Clerical	86,138	\$37,724
Other White Collar and Unspecified	71,546	\$55,844

Introduction

Your Civic Responsibility!

It was Abraham Lincoln who defined the nature of American governance as, “of the people, by the people, [and] for the people.” In many ways, this is reflected in the nature of government service. Working for the government might mean overseeing USDA inspections that insure the quality of our food supply, conducting scientific research that leads to breakthroughs in science and technology, conducting surveys and analyzing data that creates better social programs for children and families in need. Or, it could mean writing the reports, building the infrastructure, or cooking the meals that support those vital projects. As the BLS’s 2014 Career Outlook Report notes, “One of the biggest draws of federal work is the chance to make a positive difference, which workers say is a source of pride. Satisfaction often comes from knowing that they are helping and serving people in their roles as public employees.”

Lesson Activity

Competitive compensation. Generous benefits. Job security. Student loan debt forgiveness. There are a number of tangible perks that come with working for the federal, state or local government, including the ability to better the country and our society in ways big and small. In this guide, you'll learn about what government jobs offer, the types of jobs available, job search resources, how to apply and information on tuition assistance and loan forgiveness for government employees.



Lesson Activity

Most of the openings among the estimated two million federal civilian jobs, which amounts to roughly 30,000 vacancy announcements at any given time, can be found through the centralized resources of [USA Jobs LINK](#), the federal government's official jobs site. Federal civilian job openings are also listed through [Go Government LINK](#), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that, in its own words, "works to revitalize our federal government by inspiring a new generation to serve and by transforming the way government works."

In addition, there are jobs at the state government level, which can be found by accessing the Missouri job resources found [HERE](#)



Practice

Your Civic Responsibility!

Without going too deeply into a civics lesson, it was Abraham Lincoln who defined the nature of American governance in the Gettysburg Address as, “of the people, by the people, [and] for the people.” In many ways, this is reflected in the nature of government service. Working for the government might mean overseeing USDA inspections that insure the quality of our food supply, conducting scientific research that leads to breakthroughs in science and technology, conducting surveys and analyzing data that creates better social programs for children and families in need. Or, it could mean writing the reports, building the infrastructure, or cooking the meals that support those vital projects. As the BLS’s 2014 Career Outlook Report notes, “One of the biggest draws of federal work is the chance to make a positive difference, which workers say is a source of pride. Satisfaction often comes from knowing that they are helping and serving people in their roles as public employees.”

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Go to the website [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) and read about how to become a government employee. Find a career you would be interested in and complete the following questions about your webquest:

1. Job title:
2. Starting Salary:
3. Gov dept. employed by: ex. USPS, Judicial clerk, Healthcare, Public Parks
4. Education required:
5. Benefits offered:
6. Application process:
7. Brief Summary of job duties
8. Why you chose this profession

PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY

The people establish government and are the source of its power.

LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Government powers are restricted to protect individual rights.

SEPARATION OF POWERS

The power to govern is divided among executive, legislative, and judicial branches to prevent the concentration and abuse of power by any one branch.

CHECKS AND BALANCES

Each branch of government has the authority to check, or restrain, some powers of the other two branches.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

The judiciary has the power to strike down laws and other government actions as invalid under the Constitution.

FEDERALISM

The rights of the states are protected by dividing powers between the national government and the state governments.

Reflection

People working in government, running for office and participating in their civic responsibility is most related to which principle of the constitution?

Citizens are government's workforce and it's power =

Popular Sovereignty! YES!