

# PUBLIC SERVICES

Do you like having a different task each day? Do you have a passion for serving others and want to make an impact on your community?

## WHY PUBLIC SERVICES?

The safety and well-being of a community is result of the people who dedicate their careers to maintaining it. Whether it's in parks and recreation, emergency dispatch, fire services, or court clerks, this pathway provides the opportunity to improve lives as well as the public spaces we share.

## DO YOU ENJOY?

- People and communication
- Problem solving
- Organizing data and files
- Hands on activities
- Helping and providing a service to others

Public Services may be a great path to explore!

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Child & Family Social Worker

A social worker is someone dedicated to helping children, families, and communities improve their daily life. Are you good at communicating with others? Do you enjoy problem solving? A career in social work may be a path you want to explore.

Average Annual Salary

**\$39,300**

**Education Required:**  
Bachelor's Degree

Occupation/Position Description	Minimum Required Education	Average Annual Salary
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$42,440
Correctional Officers & Jailers	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$31,700
Firefighters	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$33,600
Highway Maintenance Workers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$31,200
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$32,200
General Office Clerks	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$30,900
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	Bachelor's Degree	\$39,300
First-Line Supervisors of Police & Detectives	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$56,400
Legal & Executive Administrative Assistants	HSD, GED, OJT	\$32,100
Maintenance and Repair Workers	HSD, GED, OJT, STT	\$38,300
Other Public Service Positions (Average)	Varies by Position	\$47,000

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# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Do you value having a specific set of rules or guidelines? Are you a good communicator? Are you self-motivated?

## WHY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES?

Some professional services require holding professional license such as architects, auditors, engineers, doctors and lawyers. Other professional services involve providing business support including IT, accounting, financial or legal services.

## DO YOU ENJOY?

- Collaborating with others
- Problem solving
- Numbers and statistics
- Learning new technology
- Precision and organization

Explore careers in Professional Services!

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Accountant

Accountants provide financial information to individuals by researching and analyzing accounting data and prepare reports with financial recommendations. Do you like numbers? Are you detail oriented? Accounting would be a great career path to explore.

Average Annual Salary

**\$63,300**

**Education Required:**  
Bachelor's Degree\*

Occupation/Position Description	Minimum Required Education	Average Annual Salary
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Associate's Degree	\$36,000
Teachers & Various Instructors	Bachelor's Degree	\$50,800
Sales Representatives	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$50,000
Computer Support Specialists	OJT, PSE*	\$43,000
Accountants & Auditors	Bachelor's Degree*	\$63,300
Computer Programmers	Bachelor's Degree	\$69,600
Software Developers	Bachelor's Degree	\$92,800
Web and Digital Interface Designers	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$52,200
Financial Managers	Bachelor's Degree	\$97,800
General and Operations Manager	Bachelor's Degree	\$73,100
Insurance Sales Agents	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$43,000

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# MANUFACTURING

Do you have a passion for seeing a project come together - beginning to end? Do you like working as a part of a team?

## WHY MANUFACTURING?

It takes a team to create a product, whether it's food, windows, tires, chemicals, or auto-parts. With the continued growth of technology, today's manufacturing pathways have a multitude of high-tech positions for you.

## DO YOU ENJOY?

- Teamwork
- Hands-on projects
- Math and science
- Creative thinking
- Experimenting with new technology

Manufacturing may be a great path to explore!

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Supervisors of Production

Production supervisors are directly responsible for overseeing and organizing the equipment, staff, and processes on a manufacturing production floor. If you are detail oriented, a career as a production supervisor may be a path you want to explore.

Average Annual Salary

**\$58,800**

**Education Required:**

HSD, GET, OJT, STT\*

Occupation/Position Description	Minimum Required Education	Average Annual Salary
Team Assemblers	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$36,700
Packaging & Filling Machine Operators	HSD, GED, OJT, STT	\$35,800
First-Line Supervisors of Production	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$58,800
Food Batchmakers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$33,200
Freight, Stock & Material Movers/Laborers	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$32,500
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$36,800
Molding & Casting Machine Operators	HSD, GED, OJT	\$34,600
Tire Builders	HSD, GED, OJT	\$33,000
Forming, Pressing & Compacting Machine Setters	HSD, GED, OJT, STT	\$37,200
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$55,400
Other Manufacturing Positions (Average)	Varies by Position	\$48,500

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# AGRICULTURE

Have you ever wondered how the food you eat every day was produced? Do you enjoy working with others? Do you like seeing the results of your hard work?

## WHY AGRICULTURE?

Agriculture is everywhere. Many jobs in agriculture entail working on farms with crops and animals. However, there are many non-traditional Ag career paths to explore in Western Kentucky like seed production, ag technology and drone operations.

## DO YOU ENJOY?

- Science and technology
- Environmental friendliness
- Working with animals
- Providing friendly customer service
- Food production

Agriculture may be a great path to explore!

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Agriculture Software Developer

Agriculture software provides business management and tracking solutions for agribusinesses. This kind of technology offers a range of agribusiness applications, including irrigation, inventory, crop planning, and equipment maintenance.

Average Annual Salary

**\$92,800**

**Education Required:**  
Bachelor's Degree

Occupation/Position Description	Minimum Required Education	Average Annual Salary
Farmers, Ranchers & Ag Managers	HSD, GED, OJT, PSE*	\$53,700
Farm Laborers (Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse)	HSD, GED, OJT, STT	\$27,300
Farm CEOs	Bachelor's Degree	\$152,700
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$28,200
Agriculture Attorneys	Bachelor's Degree*	\$77,700
Agriculture Software Developers	Bachelor's Degree*	\$92,800
Tree Trimmers and Pruners	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$43,000
Supervisors for Farm, Fish and Forestry Workers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$47,000
Veterinary Technicians	HSD, GED, OJT, PSE*	\$27,800
Agricultural Equipment Operators	HSD, GED, OJT, STT	\$34,400
Other Public Agricultural Occupations	Varies by Position	\$42,700

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# CONSTRUCTION

Are you a creative thinker? Do you enjoy working on a team? Does the idea of overseeing large projects excite you?

## WHY CONSTRUCTION?

Every construction project starts with an idea, once completed it becomes a space for possibility. A construction pathway allows hands on opportunities to build the infrastructure of our community. From the internal wiring to the crisp coat of paint, each component requires attention to detail in order to last generations.

## DO YOU ENJOY?

- Math and science
- Art and design
- People and communication
- Planning and organizing
- Problem solving

Construction may be a great path to explore!

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Plumbers

A commercial plumber would normally work on larger, construction projects and would need to read the blueprints detailing all pipe and fixture locations while meeting any building codes or regulations, as well as, location of electrical wiring. They are responsible to stay within a given budget and time schedules.

Average Annual Salary

**\$56,000**

**Education Required:**

HSD, GED, OJT

Occupation/Position Description	Minimum Required Education	Average Annual Salary
Construction Laborers	HSD, GED, STT	\$35,600
Carpenters	HSD, GED, OJT	\$43,300
First-Line Supervisors of Construction	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$64,400
Construction Managers	Bachelor's Degree	\$91,300
Painters & Maintenance	HSD, GED, OJT	\$36,900
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$50,800
Roofers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$33,500
Operating Engineers	HSD, GED, OJT	\$46,100
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	HSD, GED, OJT	\$56,000
Heating, Air and Refrigeration Mechanics	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$42,300
Other Construction Related Occupations	Varies by Position	\$46,600

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# HEALTHCARE

Do you have a passion for helping people? Are you extremely detail oriented? Do you enjoy critical thinking and problem solving?

## WHY HEALTHCARE?

The ability to aid others in a moment of need is possible through many career pathways. Connect your people skills with technical know-how to provide quality healthcare to the members of your community.

## DO YOU ENJOY?

- Math and science
- Helping others
- Analytics
- Working with others
- Organization and attention to detail

Healthcare may be a great path to explore!

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Registered Nurse

Registered Nurses provide and coordinate patient care; educate patients and the public about various health conditions; and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members. RNs monitor, record and report symptoms or changes in patients' conditions; maintain accurate reports and records. They also order, interpret and evaluate diagnostic tests to identify and assess patient's conditions.

Average Annual Salary

**\$61,700**

**Education Required:**  
Bachelor's Degree

Occupation/Position Description	Minimum Required Education	Average Annual Salary
Registered Nurses	Bachelor's Degree	\$61,700
Personal Care Aides	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$24,300
Nursing Assistants	HSD, GED, OJT, STT*	\$25,900
Childcare Workers	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$21,700
Home Health Aides	HSD, GED, OJT	\$24,300
Medical Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	HSD, GED, OJT*	\$28,400
Medical Assistants	HSD, GED, OJT, PSE*	\$29,700
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse	HSD, GED, OJT, PSE*	\$42,600
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	HSD, GED, OJT	\$25,000
Dental Assistants	HSD, GED, OJT, PSE*	\$33,200
Other Healthcare Occupations (Average)	Varies by Position	\$66,600

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