

# Social Sciences Jobs IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

## Sample Job Profiles

### ECONOMIST

**Salary Range:** \$28,620-\$62,086 per year

**Duty Locations:** Washington, D.C.

**Job Summary:** The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) promotes a better understanding of the U.S. economy by providing the most timely, relevant, and accurate economic accounts data in an objective and cost-effective manner. BEA is one of the world's leading statistical agencies, and produces some of the most closely watched economic statistics that influence the decisions made by government officials, business people, households, and individuals.

**Major Duties:** Serve as an entry-level economist working on segments of larger projects designed to provide experience and familiarity with work of the organization. Analyze data using tables, charts, etc. developed from statistical software packages. The incumbent will receive further training in the detailed study, planning, collection and compilation of data from primary or secondary sources, preparation of preliminary interpretive reports; and use of computer applications in economic research.

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

**Salary Range:** \$35,452-\$46,088 per year

**Duty Locations:** Vienna, VA

**Job Summary:** Become part of the team that safeguards the financial system from the abuses of financial crime. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network is at the forefront in preventing and detecting terrorist financing, money laundering, and other financial crime. Serve at the nation's financial intelligence unit and protect the U.S. financial system from criminals and terrorist financiers.

**Major Duties:** Involved in communications about the activities of FinCEN with the general public, the media, governmental agencies, and a variety of specialized audiences, both domestic and international; participates in a variety of communication activities, such as individual and group briefings, website interchanges, use of print media, broadcasting, and taping, among others. Participates with senior specialists in developing communication approaches and in planning and implementing communication activities.

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- ★ Agencies are authorized to help repay up to \$10,000 of a loan per year, up to \$60,000 total per employee.
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**MakingtheDifference.org** provides valuable information and resources about job and internship opportunities in the federal government. On the site you'll find more information about federal agencies, an overview of the benefits of federal service, a directory of federal internships, "hot jobs" and "cool internships," tips for finding and applying for federal jobs, and much more. Plus, you'll see how federal employees are making the difference every day.

**USAJobs.gov** is a great place to begin your job search. It is administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the federal government's human resources agency, and has a regularly updated list of federal job openings. You can also build your resume and learn about the federal jobs that best match your interests.

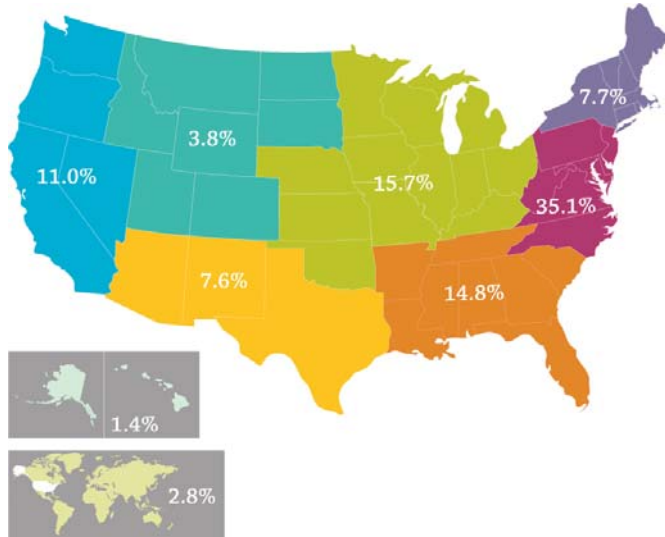


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## SOCIAL SCIENCES, PSYCHOLOGY AND WELFARE POSITIONS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY REGION



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## Examples of Internships

Full-time research internships at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) **Behavioral Science Unit (BSU)** allow undergraduate and graduate students to assist in research, analysis and reporting of data from various projects ranging from hate crimes to counterterrorism. Applicants should be at least in their junior year of college, and students majoring in criminal justice or a related field, such as sociology or psychology, are preferred. Interns receive hands-on experience in areas such as crime analysis and researching criminal behavior. <http://www.fbi.gov/employment/academy.htm>

Participants in the **Congressional Budget Office (CBO)** summer internship program receive exposure to the budget process and policymaking at the federal level. The CBO is the agency that provides Congress with the analyses needed for economic and budgetary decisions. Interns work in areas as varied as health care, the environment, budget and tax policy and education. Internships are typically 10 weeks long and include a stipend based on academic level and work experience. <http://www.cbo.gov/employment/intern.shtml>

Search for internships at:  
[makingthedifference.org/federalinternships](http://makingthedifference.org/federalinternships)

### WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Over the next two years, our largest federal agencies project that they will hire nearly 193,000 new workers for "mission-critical" jobs.

This includes:

- ★ 2,000 claims representatives/ authorizers at the Social Security Administration
- ★ 285 economists at the Department of Labor
- ★ 225 social scientists at the Department of Justice
- ★ 189 economists at the Department of Treasury

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### TOP SOCIAL SCIENCES AGENCIES

Department/Agency	# Positions
Social Security Admin.	27,118
Dept. of Defense	12,998
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	10,647
Dept. of Justice	6,340
Dept. of Health and Human Services	4,385
Dept. of Agriculture	2,908
Dept. of Commerce	2,791
Dept. of Labor	2,352
Dept. of Interior	2,138
Dept. of State	1,899
Dept. of Homeland Security	1,833
Nat'l Archives and Records Admin.	1,618
Dept. of Treasury	712
Total (including those not listed)	82,305

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### TOP SOCIAL SCIENCES FIELDS

Department/Agency	# Positions
Social Insurance Administration	27,016
Social Science	8,862
Intelligence	8,861
Social Work	5,724
Psychology Aid and Technician	4,782
Economist	4,211
Statistician/Statistical Assistant	3,979
Recreation	3,071

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