

## Tennessee Social Work Employment Data

### Explanation of Data

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development does not track the social work profession as a total group, nor does it verify if persons have social work degrees. The Department does include in its *Community and Social Services Occupations* grouping data on the following categories: *Child, Family and School Social Workers; Medical and Public Health Social Workers; and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers*. In addition this occupational grouping includes the following category: *Miscellaneous Counselors, Social, & Religious Workers*. The following pages will provide a breakdown of each classification to include *Description; Salary; Long Term Employment Outlook; and Employers*.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development obtains this data through confidential employer completed surveys. The employers are selected through a stratified random sample based on types of industry and size of employment. The projection data is researched based and compiled by utilization of the US Department of Labor models that have been refined to reflect the State of Tennessee. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development publishes this data and distributes to various organizations across the state to include Department of Education, Work Force Investment Boards, and Tennessee Career Centers.

Below is a summary of estimated current employment and projected employment .

Occupational Title	2004 Estimated Employment	2014 Projected Employment	Total 2004-2014 Employment Change	Annual Avg. Openings Due to Growth	Annual Avg. Openings Due to Replacement	Total Annual Avg. Openings	Growth Description & Annual Avg. Percent Change
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	5,640	6,800	1,150	115	95	210	Growing 1.9%
Medical and Public Health Social Workers	2,030	2,410	380	40	35	75	Growing 1.7%
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	2,660	3,550	890	90	45	135	Growing 2.9%
<b>Total With Social Work Position Title</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>12,760</b>	<b>2420</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>Growing</b>
Counselors, Social, and Religious Workers, All Other	4,770	5,700	930	95	90	180	Growing 1.8%