

CAREERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Health Educators and Community Health Workers

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Latest Numbers combined with US Census Bureau data

Occupational Handbook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm#tab-2>

Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

<i>Environmental Scientists and Specialists</i>	\$69,400 per year in May 2017.	Employment of environmental scientists and specialists is projected to grow 11 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations.
<i>Occupational Health and Safety Specialists</i>	\$73,600 per year in May 2017.	Projected to grow 4 percent from 2014 to 2024, slower than the average for all occupations

Community Health Sciences

<i>Health Educator</i>	\$45,360 per year in May 2017.	Overall employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.
<i>Medical and Health Services Managers</i>	\$98,350 per year in May 2017.	Employment of medical and health services managers is projected to grow 20 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.
<i>Healthcare Social Workers</i>	\$56,810 per year in May 2017.	Growth by 2020, 26.8%
<i>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers</i>	47,830 per year in May	Growth by 2020, 22.8%

	2017.	
<i>Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors</i>	\$43,300 per year in May 2017.	Employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors is projected to grow 23 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Epidemiology /Biostatistics

<i>Epidemiologists</i>	\$69,660 per year in May 2017.	Employment of epidemiologists is projected to grow 9 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations.
<i>Statisticians</i>	\$85,160 in May 2017	Projected to grow 34 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth is expected to result from more widespread use of statistical analysis to make informed business and healthcare decisions.

Health Policy and Administration / MHA

<i>Social and Community Service Managers</i>	\$64,100 per year in May 2017.	Employment of social and community service managers is projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.
<i>Medical and Health Services Managers</i>	\$98,350 per year in May 2017.	Employment of medical and health services managers is projected to grow 20

	percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.
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TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

An essential component of the job search is understanding your transferable skills. A transferable skill is an ability/skill developed in one setting that can be used in multiple and wide ranging roles. Transferable skills can be categorized in areas such as: Communication, Interpersonal, Data Collection, Public Speaking, Listening, Technology, etc. Public health skills are versatile and it is important to identify and effectively market your transferable skills.

Health educators typically do the following:

- Assess the health needs of the people and communities they serve
- Develop programs and events to teach people about health topics
- Teach people how to manage existing health conditions
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs and educational materials
- Help people find health services or information
- Provide training programs for community health workers or other health professionals
- Supervise staff who implement health education programs
- Collect and analyze data to learn about a particular community and improve programs and services
- Advocate for improved health resources and policies that promote health

Community health workers typically do the following:

- Discuss health concerns with community members
- Educate people about the importance and availability of healthcare services, such as cancer screenings
- Collect data
- Report findings to health educators and other healthcare providers
- Provide informal counseling and social support
- Conduct outreach programs
- Facilitate access to the healthcare services
- Advocate for individual and community needs

PUBLIC HEALTH JOB TITLES

(Source: <https://www.careersinpublichealth.net/>) BLS.gov reports the following areas of public health having the greatest demand:

Epidemiologists, Health Educators, Health Managers, Researchers & Social Workers. • Advocacy Director • Assistant Environmental Scientist • Assistant Inspector General • Assistant Public Health Professor • Associate Biostatistics • Associate Epidemiologist • Behavioral Health Administrator • Behavioral Scientist • Biosecurity Specialist • Biostatistical Data Technician • Biostatisticians • Bioterrorism Researcher • Chief Medical Officer • Child Health Specialist • Childbirth Health Educator • Chronic Disease Health Educator • Chronic Disease Management Coordinator • Chronic Disease Medical Epidemiologist • Clinical Epidemiologist • Clinical Infectious Disease Specialist • Clinical Research Director • Communicable Disease Analyst • Communications Director • Community Activist • Community Health Educator • Community Health Nursing Consultant • Environmental Health Safety Engineer • Environmental Health Technician • Environmental Specialist • Epidemiologists • Epidemiology Investigator • Federal Agency Director • Food Inspector • Food Scientist • Hazardous Waste Inspector • Health Administrator • Health and Wellness Manager • Health Commissioner • Health Communications Specialist • Health Education Health Promotion • Health Educators • Health Facilities Surveyor • Health Legislative Assistant • Health Scientist • Homeless Services Educator • Hospital Administrator • Industrial Hygienist • Infection Preventionist • Infectious Disease Public Health Advisor • Informatics Specialist • Injury Prevention Specialist • International HIV Specialist • Lecturer Public Health • Medical Writer • Mental Health Researcher • MPH Epidemiologist • Public Health Administrator • Public Health Attorney • Public Health Consultant • Public Health Data Analyst • Public Health Dentist • Public Health Dietician • Public Health Director • Public Health Doctor • Public Health Educator • Public Health Engineer • Public Health Inspector • Public Health Institute • Public Health Investigator • Public Health Journalist • Public Health Lab Scientist • Public Health Lobbyist • Public Health Nurse • Public Health Nutritionist • Public Health Officer • Public Health Physician • Public Health Policy Analyst • Public Health Project Manager • Public Health Psychologist • Public Health Research • Public Health School Dean • Public Health Social Worker • Public Health Teacher • Public Health Technician • Public Health Veterinarian • Public Information Officer • Quality Improvement Specialist UIC SPH Career Services 4 • Community Health Worker • Community Outreach Specialist • Consumer Safety Officer • Corporate Medical Director • Deputy Director • Director of Applied Research • Director of Emergency Medical Services • Disaster Preparedness Researcher • Emergency Preparedness Specialist • Emergency Response Specialist • Environmental Health Supervisor • Environmental Health Director • Environmental Health Engineer • Environmental Health Executive • Environmental Health Nurse • NGO Manager • Nurse Epidemiologist • Nutrition Consultant • Occupational Health Specialist • Occupational Medical Physician • Outcomes Researcher • Outreach Education • Patient Navigator • Patient Safety Specialist • Pharmaceutical Epidemiology • PhD Epidemiologist • Phlebotomist • Poisoning Prevention Coordinator • Population Health Management • Procurement Manager • Professor of Environmental Health • Program Evaluator • Program Officer • Regulatory Affairs Specialist • Regulatory Coordinator • Reproductive Health Assistant • Research Analyst • Research Biostatistician • Research Data Analyst • Research Scientist • Senior Health Educator • Social Marketer • State Epidemiologist • Statistical Research Analyst • Study Coordinator • Supervisory Epidemiologist • Survey Researchers • Toxicologist • Tropical Disease Specialist • Urban Planner • Vaccine Researcher • Water Resource Specialist • Worksite Wellness Manager