

TABLE 8.2

Employment and Payrolls of State and Local Governments by Function: March 2017

Functions	All employees, full-time and part-time (in thousands of dollars)			March payrolls (in thousands of dollars)			Average March earnings of full- time employees
	Total	State government	Local government	Total	State government	Local government	
All functions	19,543,913	5,399,847	14,144,066	\$80,276,246,286	\$22,920,048,649	\$57,356,197,637	5,042
Education:							
Higher education	3,281,365	2,694,538	586,827	11,707,297,941	9,902,137,143	1,805,160,798	6,063
Instructional personnel only	1,141,839	861,308	280,531	5,340,541,654	4,399,816,928	940,724,726	8,129
Elementary/Secondary schools	7,810,084	59,404	7,750,680	29,223,989,840	242,335,290	28,981,654,550	4,487
Instructional personnel only	5,324,577	44,214	5,280,363	22,900,613,813	195,283,768	22,705,330,045	4,985
Libraries	183,082	787	182,295	473,616,422	2,280,556	471,335,866	4,157
Other Education	89,631	89,631	0	396,730,249	396,730,249	0	4,889
Selected functions:							
Streets and Highways	504,869	214,002	290,867	2,305,426,038	1,044,043,281	1,261,382,757	4,799
Public Welfare	535,337	246,671	288,666	2,217,164,401	1,004,041,718	1,213,122,683	4,362
Hospitals	1,087,766	435,141	652,625	5,497,590,154	2,172,846,739	3,324,743,415	5,464
Police protection	985,622	103,990	881,632	5,593,113,790	645,607,018	4,947,506,772	6,160
Police Officers	729,052	65,392	663,660	4,603,361,566	476,532,002	4,126,829,564	6,579
Fire protection	441,646	0	441,646	2,310,569,167	0	2,310,569,167	6,680
Firefighters only	395,797	0	395,797	2,111,136,220	0	2,111,136,220	6,763
Natural Resources	191,388	147,224	44,164	810,995,186	633,105,523	177,889,663	4,860
Correction	719,622	448,190	271,432	3,359,323,865	2,084,090,316	1,275,233,549	4,757
Social Insurance	72,962	72,375	587	333,249,760	329,536,223	3,713,537	4,667
Financial Admin.	444,666	173,371	271,295	2,059,085,195	865,413,738	1,193,671,457	5,112
Judicial and Legal	440,094	179,610	260,484	2,286,720,188	1,013,751,701	1,272,968,487	5,537
Other Government Admin.	411,418	56,808	354,610	1,332,817,442	259,336,850	1,073,480,592	5,032
Utilities	525,359	39,209	486,150	3,038,129,334	272,838,831	2,765,290,503	6,093
State Liquor stores	13,427	13,427	0	32,870,934	32,870,934	0	3,553
Other and unallocable	1,805,575	425,469	1,380,106	7,297,556,380	2,019,082,539	5,278,473,841	4,943

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Census of Governments: Employment.

Note: Data users who create their own estimates using these data should cite the U.S. Census Bureau as the source of the original data only. The data in this table are based on information from public records and contain no confidential data. The data in this

table come from a census of governmental units and are subject to nonsampling error. Additional information on nonsampling error, response rates, and definitions may be found within the survey technical documentation <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/apes/technical-documentation.html>.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.