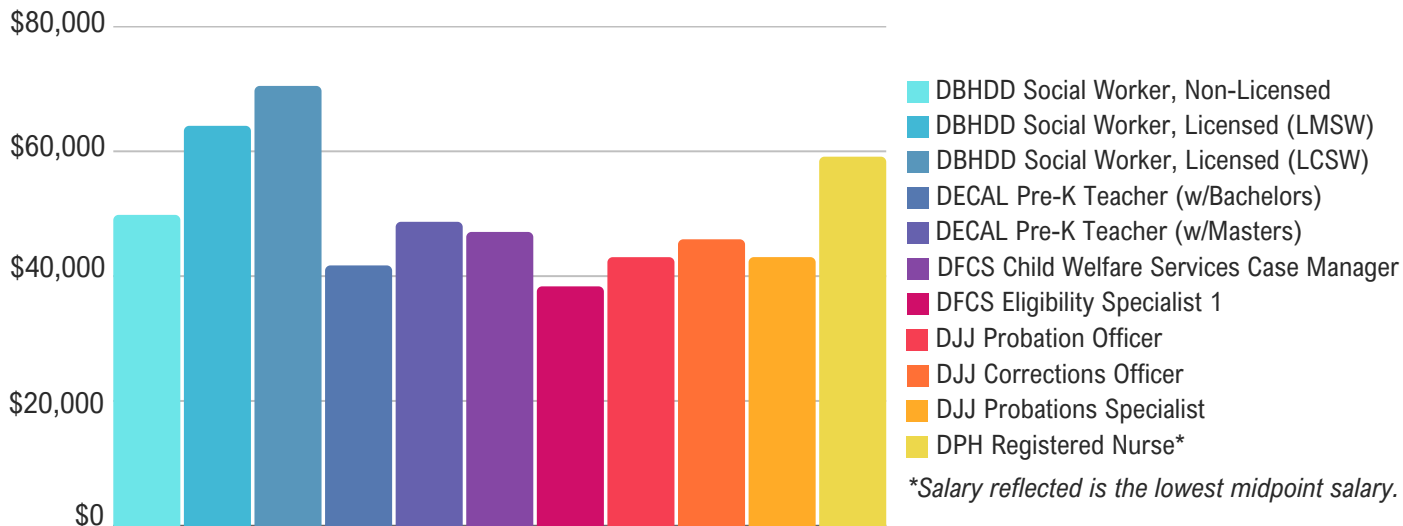


SALARIES FOR CHILD-SERVING WORKERS AT GEORGIA'S STATE AGENCIES

State agency staff who serve children and families help them access essential resources to meet their most basic needs.

Child-Serving Agency Entry-Level Salaries (as of 2025)



Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

Clinicians and social workers at Community Service Boards (CSBs), which are community-based safety net providers for mental health, deliver direct services to youth both in the community and, at times, in schools. These services include individual, group, and family therapy. The salary information below reflects positions within DBHDD, including hospitals and community-based providers, but excludes CSBs. While many CSBs follow the state salary structure, their average starting salaries may vary.

Base Level Salaries ¹

Social Worker, Non-Licensed	\$49,816
Social Worker, Licensed (LMSW)	\$64,085
Social Worker, Licensed (LCSW)	\$70,481

Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)

Georgia Pre-K teachers educate 4- and 5-year-olds, 5 days a week, 180 days per year. The school day is 6.5 hours with many programs offering extended hours for before- and after-school care.

Base Level Salaries ²

Pre-K Lead Teacher, Bachelor	\$41,717
Pre-K Lead Teacher, Bachelor & Certified	\$43,592
Pre-K Lead Teacher, Master	\$48,706



Department of Human Services/Division of Family and Children Services (DHS/DFCS)

Child Welfare

Child welfare workers investigate cases of abuse and neglect and provide comprehensive care management for affected children. They assess safety concerns and identify physical, educational, and behavioral needs of children, parents, and foster parents – ensuring those needs are met.

Child Welfare Services Case Manager	Base Level Salaries 3
Entry Level	\$47,083.51
Proficient Level	\$50,763.86
Advanced Level	\$54,812.25
Supervisor	\$59,265.47

Office of Family Independence

Employees manage SNAP (food stamp) and Family Medicaid cases, determining applicant eligibility and process applications.

Eligibility Specialist	Base Level Salaries 4
Entry Level	\$38,360
Proficient Level	\$40,440
Advanced Level	\$45,640
Supervisor	\$57,250

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

Staff are responsible for youth under the supervision of DJJ, both in detention facilities and on community probation.

	Base Level Salaries 5
Juvenile Corrections Officer I <i>Entry Level</i>	\$43,040
Probation Officer I <i>Entry Level</i>	\$45,903
Juvenile Probation Specialist <i>Entry Level</i>	\$43,050

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Registered nurses at DPH provide direct nursing care and support, including to populations with special needs during natural disasters and public health emergencies.

	Midpoint Salary Range 1 , 6
Registered Nurse, Level 1	\$59,143.37
Registered Nurse, Level 2	\$66,351.55
Registered Nurse, Level 3	\$73,677.24
Registered Nurse, Supervisor	\$81,955.29

ⁱ Amounts shown reflect the midpoint salary ranges for the positions listed.



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