

# **Employment of Counselors in the US**

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# Employment of Counselors in the US

- 635,000 counselors employed in 2006
  - Educational, vocational & school - 260,000
  - Rehabilitation Counselors - 141,000
  - Mental Health Counselors - 100,000
  - Substance Abuse & Addiction Counselors - 83,000
  - Marriage & family Counselors - 25,000
  - Other - 27,000

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## Employment Change:

- Employment of counselors is expected to increase by 21% between 2006 and 2016.
  - Substance abuse and addictions counselors - expected growth 34%. (greater than average)
  - Educational, vocational & school counselors - expected growth 13%. (average)
  - Mental health counselors - expected growth 30%.
  - Rehabilitation counselors - expected growth 23%.
  - Marriage and family counselors - expected growth 30%.

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- 71% of all counselors are employed in schools.
- For non-school counselors (community, mental health, rehab etc.) health care and social service industry employs about 47 percent of the counselors.
- State and local governments employ about 11 percent.

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<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos067.htm#employ> , retrieved 2/22/08

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## Most Common Disorders:

\*Anxiety Disorders

\*Depression

\*Substance Abuse

- 40% all hospitalizations and 25% deaths are related to substance abuse.
- One in five Americans experience a substance abuse problem (alcohol or drugs) at some point in life.

Nystul, M. (2003). *An Introduction to Counseling: An art and science perspective* (2nd ed.) Boston: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon.

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## The Community Counseling Model

Lewis, J.A., Lewis, M.D., Daniels, J.A., D'Andrea, M.J. (1998).

Community counseling empowerment strategies for a diverse society.

Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole

	Community	Client
Direct Services	Prevention Education	Counseling Psychotherapy
Indirect Services	Systemic Change Influencing Public Policy	Consultation and Advocacy

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## Educational Settings

- Public & private schools
  - Counseling, prevention, wellness, academic and career services
- Colleges & Universities
  - Counseling centers
    - Mental health counseling & career services
  - Counselor Educators

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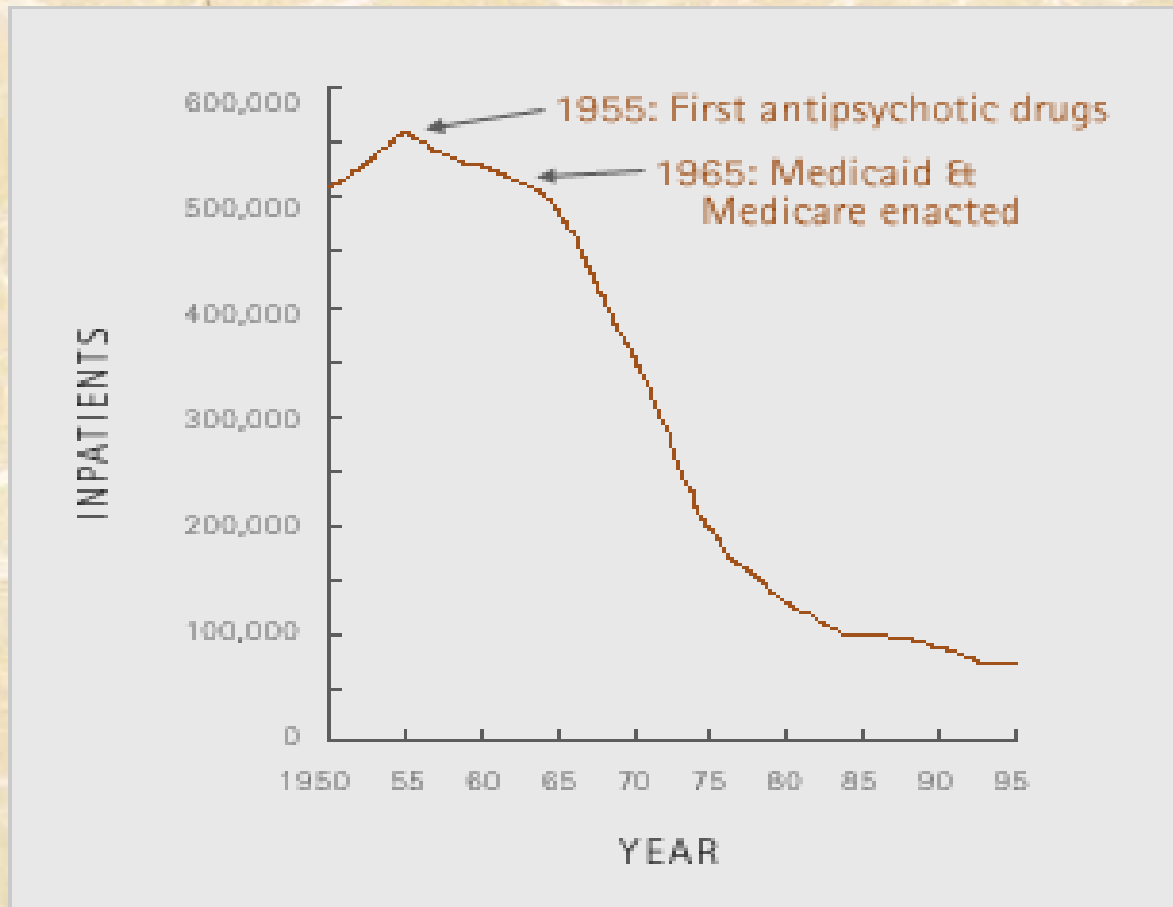
## Hospital Based Services

- General Hospitals
  - Psychiatric In-patient Units
  - Out patient Clinics
  - Medical units
  - Surgical units
  - Emergency Rooms
- Private Psychiatric Hospitals
  - In-patient Units
  - Out Patient Clinics

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## Hospital Based Services

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/asylums/special/excerpt.html>



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## Hospital Based Services

- Day Treatment Programs-
  - mental health issues
  - substance abuse & addiction issues
- Hospice Care
  - Hospital based (grief counseling)
  - Nursing Home based (gerontological counseling)
  - Home based

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## Community Based Services

- Community Mental Health centers
- Child and Family Social Service agencies
- Youth Service agencies
- Residential Care facilities & Group homes
  - Mental health - children and adults
  - Substance abuse & Addiction issues
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Criminal Offenders
- Mobile Crises Teams

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## Community Based Services

- Private Practitioners
  - Group & individual practices
- Religious/Pastoral Counseling Centers
  - Jewish Family Services
  - Catholic Family Services
- Cultural/Ethnic Group Counseling Services
  - Hispanic Family Services
  - Asian Family Services
  - Native American Tribal Services

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## Community Based Services

### Special Population services

- Domestic Violence/sexual assault
  - Outpatient and residential
- Substance Abuse agencies
  - Outpatient and residential
- HIV/AIDS clinics
- Planned Parenthood Agencies
- Grief Centers/funeral homes
- Vocational rehab services

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## Telephone Hotlines

- mental health or crisis hotlines
- drug hotlines
- domestic violence/abuse
- sexual assault and crises hotlines
- suicide Hotlines

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## Government Supported Settings

- Armed Services
- Correctional Institutions
- Parole services

## Employment based services

- Employee Assistance programs

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- Questions?