

Career Outlook: Geography

Geography Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Geography (B.S.); Sustainability and Resource Management (B.A.S.); Global Studies (B.A.)

Fields of Emphasis: Earth Science, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Related Majors: Social Studies: Geography (B.A.)

Minors: Geography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Department Website: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/geography>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that cartographers and photogrammetrists held about 11,800 jobs in 2018. Local, state and federal government employed the majority of these workers (44%). The architectural, engineering, and related services industry employed 23% of these workers.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for cartographers and photogrammetrists is projected to grow 15% (much faster than average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between \$40,960 and \$101,400 per year. Cartographer's median income was about \$64,430 in 2018, while surveying and mapping technicians earned an average of \$44,380 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES:

Of the 8 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Geography B.S. graduates, 100% obtained related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment with one year of graduation.)

Beltrami County	GIS/Mapping	Bemidji, MN
Crow Wing Power	GIS Technician	Brainerd, MN
Historical Information Gatherers, Inc.	Researcher/GIS Specialist	Hopkins, MN
Houston Engineering, Inc.	Surveying Technician	Thief River Falls, MN
Nx Utilities	GIS Technician	Tampa, FL
Winnebago County	Parcel Maintenance Specialist	Rockford, IL

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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