Career Outlook 2020: 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](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.

**Bibliography:**
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