Career Outlook 2018: Sociology

Sociology Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Sociology (B.A.)

**Field of Emphasis:** Social Studies: Sociology-Anthropology

**Minor:** Sociology

**Department Website:** http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/sociology/

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:**

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that social and community service managers held about 147,300 jobs in 2016. About 27% of social and community service managers worked for individual and family services; 12% worked for social and religious organizations; 11% worked for state and local governments; 11% worked for nursing residential care facilities; and 10% worked for community and vocational rehabilitation services. An American Sociological Association (asanet.org) study published in 2010 shows that the largest job category for graduates with bachelor's degrees is social service, counselor, psychologist followed by clerical and administrative support and manager.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for sociologists is expected to have little or no change through 2026. With people established in their career generally earning between $41,950 and $149,860 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $79,750 per year.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES:**

Of the two Bemidji State University 2015-2016 Bachelor of Arts Sociology graduates, one reported being available for work but unemployed and one had an unknown status. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, or unavailable.

**PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES**: (This list includes employment within one year of graduation for the year 2015)

- Community Intersections
  - Direct Care Staff
    - Denver, CO
- Lakeland Public Television
  - Administrative Assistant
    - Bemidji, MN
- LivingWell
  - Advocate
    - Burnsville, MN
- LTCG
  - Customer Service Representative
    - Woodbury, MN
- Peaceful Care, LLC
  - Personal Care Attendant
    - Bemidji, MN

*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:**

- Annual Graduate Follow-Up Study 2015-2016. Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2018)
- Bemidji State University Undergraduate Catalog 2017-2018. Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2017)

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

For more job listings please visit:

[http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/)

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