

# Career Outlook 2019: 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 \$39,730 and \$109,990 per year. The median pay for 2017 was \$64,100 per year.

### **PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES:**

Of the two Bemidji State University 2016-2017 Bachelor of Arts Sociology graduates, 100% found work in a related field. This does not include students who were continuing their education, 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 years 2015 to 2017)**

American Legion	Gaming Employee	Park Rapids, MN
Community Intersections	Direct Care Staff	Denver, CO
Lakeland Public Television	Administrative Assistant	Bemidji, MN
LivingWell	Advocate	Burnsville, MN
LTCG	Customer Service Representative	Woodbury, MN
Messerli & Kramer PA	Legal Assistant	Plymouth, MN
Peaceful Care, LLC	Personal Care Attendant	Bemidji, MN

### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis, 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.

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- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2018)

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

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