

Career Outlook: Sociology

Sociology Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Sociology (B.A.)

Related Major: Social Studies: Sociology-Anthropology (B.A.)

Minors: Sociology, Communication Studies**New Minor**

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 168,800 jobs in 2018. About 29% of social and community service managers worked for individual and family services; 11% worked for social and religious organizations; 10% worked for local governments; 11% worked for nursing residential care facilities; and 9% 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 grow 9% (faster than average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between \$46,170 and \$140,430 per year. The median pay for 2018 was \$82,050 per year. Most sociologist jobs require an advanced degree.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES:

Of the one Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Bachelor of Arts Sociology graduate the status of their employment is unknown. 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 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	Woodbury, MN
Messerli & Kramer PA	Representative Legal Assistant	Plymouth, MN

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

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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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