

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 175,500 jobs in 2019. About 29% of social and community service managers worked for individual and family services; 12% 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. The American Sociological Association (asanet.org) reports 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 social and community services managers is expected to grow 17% (much faster than average) through 2029, with people established in their career generally earning between \$41,220 and \$112,480 per year. The median pay for 2019 was \$67,150 per year. Most manager jobs require work experience.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES:

Of the two Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Bachelor of Arts Sociology graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, continuing their education 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 2019)

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
LTCC	Customer Service Representative	Woodbury, MN
Messerli & Kramer PA	Legal Assistant	Plymouth, MN
MN Department of Corrections	Probation Officer	Park Rapids, 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.

Bibliography:

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- [Bemidji State University Undergraduate Catalog 2020-2021](#). Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2021)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2020)

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

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GRAD STATS

FROM STUDENTS SURVEYED ONE YEAR POST-GRADUATION

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CAREERS

TOP EMPLOYERS

1. SANFORD HEALTH
2. BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
3. ESSENTIA HEALTH
4. LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
5. SCHOOLCRAFT LEARNING COMMUNITY
6. ATHLOS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
7. CLIFTONLARSONALLEN
8. NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
9. RED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10. ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM
11. BEMIDJI MIDDLE SCHOOL
12. FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES
13. MAYO CLINIC
14. PARK RAPIDS AREA SCHOOLS
15. WANZEK CONSTRUCTION

87.7% OF

1,191

TOTAL GRADUATE AWARDS WHO RESPONDED

*95.4%

EMPLOYED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

*89.7%

EMPLOYED IN A RELATED FIELD WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

15.8%

ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION



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