

# Career Outlook: Sociology

## Sociology Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

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

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

Communication Studies\*\*New Major\*\*

**Minors:** Sociology, Communication Studies

**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 174,200 jobs in 2020. 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 while sociology majors may go on to earn a master's, doctorate, or law degree, what students learn as undergraduates in this field is relevant to so many jobs and industries, from business to healthcare to education.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for social and community services managers is expected to grow 15% (faster than average) through 2030, with people established in their career generally earning between \$42,230 and \$115,800 per year. The median pay for 2020 was \$69,600 per year. Most manager jobs require work experience.

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

Of the two Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Bachelor of Arts Sociology graduates, both reported continuing their education. 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 2018).

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
MN Department of Corrections	Probation Officer	Park Rapids, MN

### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION (2019-2020 graduates):**

- Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN
- North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

\*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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