

## Social Work

**CAREER GUIDE****Who We Serve**

We care for diverse populations at risk and work in child and family services, police departments and hospitals, programs serving people with disabilities, seniors with dementia, and at-risk children.

**What We Do**

BSW level social workers help clients function in their environment by working with clients to overcome challenges, promote resiliency and improve the quality of their lives. Our client systems may be individuals, families, groups, organizations or communities.

**Where We Work**

We work in private not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, and government agencies. Issues of health, mental health, criminal justice, addiction, domestic violence, foster care/adoption, homelessness, and hospice/end of life care are our concerns.

**Our Responsibilities**

- Empower our clients and their families to cope better with social and emotional problems
- Advocate for communities and populations that are vulnerable, and promote social justice
- Maintain a caseload, document and reevaluate clients at appropriate intervals
- Gather relevant information and make assessments pertaining to our client's needs
- Develop resources, facilitate education and support groups and make referrals

## Employment Outlook and Salaries

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster on average than for all occupations. Increased demand for healthcare and social services will drive demand for social workers.

The salary a social worker earns can vary significantly based on many factors, including geographic area, educational attainment, workplace setting, and practice specialty or focus area.

A BSW not only prepares you to

work as a generalist social worker, but also to continue your education in a Master of Social Work (MSW) program. You may also enter an MSW program with a bachelor's degree in another field of study, but with a BSW you may be able to complete the program more quickly.

The median annual wage for social workers was \$49,470 in May 2018. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$30,750, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$81,400.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm#tab-5> <https://www.socialworkguide.org/salaries/>

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### Current Students

[usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/home/page/favorite-tab-1](https://usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/home/page/favorite-tab-1)

### Prospective Students

[usfweb.usf.edu/escheduler/NonStudentlogin.aspx](https://usfweb.usf.edu/escheduler/NonStudentlogin.aspx)



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