Why did you choose social work?

FASTEST GROWING SETTINGS

Graduate School

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89,000 jobs projected increase through 2030*

Employment opportunities for social workers are rising because of:

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Projected Growth by Setting 2020-2030

Child, family and school

Health care

Mental health and substance abuse

All other settings

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3 EDUCATIONAL DEGREE OPTIONS

A career pivot may require different educational or license requirements. Be sure to enroll in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Bachelor’s in Social Work (BSW)

Required for entry-level non-clinical positions

Includes supervised fieldwork or internship

Mental health and substance use

Employment opportunities for social workers are rising because of:

Doctorate in Social Work (DSW)

Often required for teaching at university level, high-level programs and systems management positions

Includes advanced training in research, supervision and policy analysis

Master’s in Social Work (MSW)

Typically required for clinical positions

Includes supervised practicum or internship

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Required for clinical positions (and non-clinical positions in some states)

Need MSW and hours of supervised clinical work post-graduation

Must pass licensure exam

3 FACTORS AFFECTING SOCIA L WORK SALARIES

State Licenses

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Degree

Location

Higher education tuition

Most people seeking treatment for mental health and substance abuse

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PhD/DSW (highest)

MSW (2nd highest)

Metropolitan (highest)

Rural (Lowest)

Size of Caseload

No Caseload (highest)

0-25 (Lowest)

Each year of experience equals approximately $420 increase

Private Practice (highest)

Private Nonprofit (Lowest)

NASC CAREER RESOURCES

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NASC’s support can help you transition your role throughout your career.

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