



Social Workers

in Northern New York State

What do Social Workers do?

Social workers have a strong desire to help improve people's lives. There are two main types of social workers: direct-service social workers, who help people solve and cope with problems in their everyday lives, and clinical social workers, who diagnose and treat mental, behavioral, and emotional issues. Social workers may specialize in multiple areas, including:

- Child and family
- School
- Medical and public health
- Mental health and substance abuse

Where do Social Workers work?

Private practices, hospitals, outpatient mental health and substance abuse centers, school districts, and nursing and residential care facilities.

Are jobs available in Northern NY?

Between 2016 and 2026 the number of jobs for child, family and school social workers will increase by 18.4% in NYS and jobs for mental health and substance abuse social workers will increase in NYS by 27.3%.

How much do Social Workers make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that social workers in NY earned an average annual salary of \$61,470, (entry level-\$37,980, experienced- \$91,860)



01. How do I become a Social Worker?

A bachelor's degree in social work is the most common minimum requirement, however, a master's degree in social work is usually required for positions in health, school and clinical settings.

02. Where can I find an education program?

There are many SUNY schools and other accredited schools in the surrounding area that provide BSW and MSW programs. Check out this website for a complete list of the programs:
<https://www.healthcareersinfo.net/social-workers/>

03. NYS Licensure Requirements

MSWs must receive a master's degree from an accredited graduate school of social work and pass a national licensing exam. LCSWs must complete an MSW degree that includes clinical courses, three years of post-degree supervision in clinical social work, and pass a clinical licensing examination.