

KANSAS

- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 3,270 people self-identified as social workers in Kansas; Kansas ranks 39th in social workers per capita.
- There are 1,440 NASW members in Kansas.
- In 2006, 2,696,651 people lived in Kansas.
- 11.6% of the population live at or below the federal poverty level, compared to 12.6% nationally.
- 13% of the population is over the age of 65, compared to 12.4% nationally.
- 26.5% of the population is under the age of 18, compared to 25.7% nationally.
- The population of Kansas is projected to grow 12% between 2000 and 2020, while the population 65 and over is projected to grow 46% between 2000 and 2020.
- 242,000 veterans live in Kansas; Kansas ranks 33rd in the nation.
- In 2006, 275,242 people were enrolled in Medicaid; this is 12% of the non-elderly population, compared with 13% nationally.
- According to the Rural Policy Research Institute, several areas of the state are medically underserved.
- In 2000, Kansas ranked 8th among states in the number of hospital beds per 100,000 population.
- In 2007, the unemployment rate was 4.1%, compared to 4.6% nationally.
- Social Work Education Programs in Kansas are: Bethany College, Bethel College, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Newman University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, Washburn University, and Wichita State University.

THERE ARE 6,205 LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS IN KANSAS

License	Education Required	Experience Required
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker	Bachelor's Degree in Social Work	N/A
Licensed Master Social Worker	Master's Degree in Social Work	N/A
Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker	Doctorate or Master's Degree in Social Work	2 years post

- Fifty-nine percent of the respondents in Kansas were 45 years or older.
- The majority of Kansas respondents were white (95%). Three percent of respondents were Hispanic.
- The majority of respondents in Kansas held a master's degree as their highest social work degree (70%).
- Respondents were asked to identify their primary practice setting for employment. The most frequently cited categories were behavioral health clinics (14%) and hospital/medical center (13%), other (12%) and social service agencies (10%).
- The majority of respondents in Kansas (56%) earned between \$20,000 and \$39,000 annually for full-time social work. About one-third earned \$40,000-\$59,000 annually.
- Forty-four percent of respondents in Kansas had five to 19 years of experience. Twenty-five percent were new to the field, with less than five years of experience.
- The majority of respondents from Kansas were employed in a private setting (64%). About one-fifth were employed in the state government.
- Two-thirds of respondents in Kansas were employed in a metropolitan area (66%).
- The majority (33%) of respondents identified Mental Health as their primary practice area, followed by Child Welfare/family (20%).

**This information is based on the results of the 2004 NASW National Survey of Licensed Social Workers. <http://workforce.socialworkers.org>*