

MISSOURI

- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 10,320 people self-identified as social workers in Missouri.
- There are 2,274 NASW members in Missouri.
- In 2006, 5,746,154 people lived in Missouri.
- 11.5% of the population live at or below the federal poverty level, compared to 12.6% nationally.
- 25.5% of the population is under the age of 18, compared to 25.7% nationally.
- 13.3% of the population is over the age of 65, compared to 12.4% nationally.
- The total population of Missouri is projected to grow 9% between 2000 and 2020, while the population 65 and over is projected to grow 44% between 2000 and 2020.
- 546,000 veterans live in Missouri; Missouri is ranked 15th in the nation.
- In 2006, 662,082 people were enrolled in Medicaid; this is 13% of the non-elderly population, which is equal to the national rate.
- According to the Rural Policy Research Institute, several areas in the Northern and Southern areas of the state are medically underserved.
- In 1999, Missouri had one of the highest death rates due to heart disease in the country and was above the respective national death rates due to firearms and to cancer.
- In 2006, the unemployment rate was 4.8%, compared to 4.6% nationally.
- Social Work Education Programs in Missouri are: Avila University, Central Missouri State University, Columbia College, Evangel University, Lindenwood University, Missouri State University, Missouri Western State College, Park University, Saint Louis University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southwest Missouri State University, University of Missouri (Columbia School of Social Work and Kansas City, St. Louis), Washington University-George Warren Brown School of Social Work, and William Woods University.

THERE ARE 5,110 LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS IN MISSOURI

License	Education Required	Experience Required
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Doctorate or Master's Degree in Social Work	2 years post
Provisional Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Doctorate or Master's Degree in Social Work	N/A
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker	Doctorate or Master's Degree in Social Work	3000 hours post
Provisional Baccalaureate Social Worker	Bachelor's Degree in Social Work	N/A

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Social Work Survey Data*

- The majority of Missouri's social work respondents were between 35 and 54 years old (65%).
- The overwhelming majority (92%) of respondents in Missouri were white. Four percent were black.
- The majority of respondents in Missouri held a master's degree as their highest social work degree (84%). Twelve percent held a doctorate.
- Respondents were asked to identify their primary practice setting for employment. The two most frequently cited categories were hospitals/medical centers (22%) and private solo practice (16%).
- The majority of Missouri's respondents (44%) earned between \$40,000 and \$59,000 annually for full-time social work.
- The majority of social work respondents in Missouri had five to 19 years of experience (68%). Only four percent were new to the field, with less than five years of experience.
- The majority of Missouri's respondents were employed in the private sector in either non-profit (44%) or for-profit settings (33%).
- The majority of social work respondents in Missouri were employed in a metropolitan area (92%).
- The majority (44%) identified Mental Health as their primary practice area, followed by School Social Work (11%), and Child Welfare/Family (11%).

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