

# UTAH

- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 2,400 people self-identified as social workers in Utah; Utah is ranked 44th in social workers per capita.
- There are 1,021 NASW members in Utah.
- In 2006, 2,524,825 people lived in Utah.
- 9.4% of the population live at or below the federal poverty level, compared to 12.6% nationally.
- 32.2% of the population is under the age of 18, compared with 25.7% nationally.
- 8.7% of the population is over the age of 65, compared with 12.4% nationally.
- The total population of Utah is projected to grow 24% between 2000 and 2020, while the population 65 and over is projected to grow 116% between 2000 and 2020.
- 149,000 veterans live in Utah; Utah ranks 38th nationally.
- In 2006, 244,375 people were enrolled in Medicaid; this is 11% of the non-elderly population, compared to 13% nationally.
- According to the Rural Policy Research Institute, several areas of the state are medically underserved.
- In 2000, Utah ranked 47th in the number of hospital beds per 100,000 population.
- In 2006, the unemployment rate was 2.9%, compared to 4.6% nationally.
- Social Work Education Programs in Utah are: Brigham Young University, University of Utah, Utah State University, and Weber State University.

## THERE ARE 5,698 LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS IN UTAH

License	Education Required	Experience Required
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Doctorate or Master's Degree in Social Work	2 years post
Certified Social Worker	Doctorate or Master's Degree in Social Work	N/A
Social Service Worker	Bachelor's Degree	2 years post
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- Nearly sixty percent of respondents in Utah were 45 years or older.
- The overwhelming majority (96%) of Utah's respondents were white.
- The majority of respondents in Utah held a master's degree as their highest social work degree (83%). Four percent held a doctorate.
- Respondents were asked to identify their primary practice setting for employment. The four most frequently cited categories were social service agencies (23%), behavioral health clinic/outpatient facility (11%), private solo practice (8%), and health clinic/outpatient facility (8%).
- The majority of Utah respondents (38%) earned between \$40,000 and \$59,000 annually for full-time social work.
- The majority of respondents in Utah (57%) had five to 19 years of experience. Only ten percent were new to the field, with less than five years of experience.
- Just over one-third of Utah's respondents were employed by the state government, while one-third were employed in a private, non-profit setting.
- The majority of respondents in Utah were employed in a metropolitan area (84%).
- The majority (28%) of respondents identified Mental Health as their primary practice area, followed by Child Welfare/Family (19%).

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