

Salary Information

- Median annual wages of ***child, family, and school social workers*** were \$39,530 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between \$31,040 and \$52,080. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$25,870, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$66,430. Median annual wages in the industries employing the largest numbers of child, family, and school social workers in May 2008 were:

Elementary and secondary schools	\$53,860
Local government	46,650
State government	39,600
Individual and family services	34,450
Other residential care facilities	34,270

State and National Wages- Child, Family, and School Social Workers

Location	Pay Period	2008				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$12.44	\$14.92	\$19.01	\$25.04	\$31.94
	Yearly	\$25,900	\$31,000	\$39,500	\$52,100	\$66,400
Kentucky	Hourly	\$12.79	\$14.86	\$17.78	\$21.32	\$24.52
	Yearly	\$26,600	\$30,900	\$37,000	\$44,300	\$51,000

Industries with the highest levels of employment in child, family, and school social work:

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
State Government (OES designation)	65,470	\$20.42	\$42,470
Individual and Family Services	61,010	\$17.59	\$36,580
Local Government (OES designation)	49,960	\$23.29	\$48,440
Elementary and Secondary Schools	35,920	\$27.28	\$56,750
Other Residential Care Facilities	9,540	\$17.12	\$35,610

Top paying industries for child, family, and school social work:

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean	Annual mean
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Offices of Dentists	N/A	\$53.60	\$111,480
Elementary and Secondary Schools	35,920	\$27.28	\$56,750
Other Support Services	60	\$25.78	\$53,620
Junior Colleges	470	\$25.58	\$53,210
Local Government (OES designation)	49,960	\$23.29	\$48,440

- Median annual wages of *medical and public health social workers* were \$46,650 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between \$35,550 and \$57,690. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$28,100, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$69,090.

Median annual wages in the industries employing the largest numbers of medical and public health social workers in May 2008 were:

General medical and surgical hospitals	\$51,470
Home health care services	46,930
Local government	44,140
Nursing care facilities	41,080
Individual and family services	38,370

State and National Wages for Medical and Public Health Social Workers

Location	Pay Period	2008				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$10.47	\$13.90	\$17.89	\$23.35	\$29.54
	Yearly	\$21,800	\$28,900	\$37,200	\$48,600	\$61,400
Kentucky	Hourly	\$12.37	\$14.36	\$17.63	\$22.32	\$27.50
	Yearly	\$25,700	\$29,900	\$36,700	\$46,400	\$57,200

Industries with the highest levels of employment in medical and public health social workers:

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	42,300	\$25.40	\$52,830
Individual and Family Services	15,880	\$19.29	\$40,130
Home Health Care Services	13,680	\$24.09	\$50,100
Nursing Care Facilities	12,790	\$20.59	\$42,820

Local Government (OES designation)	10,210	\$21.90	\$45,550
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Top paying industries for medical and public health social workers:

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
Elementary and Secondary Schools	110	\$28.35	\$58,960
Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Hospitals	2,160	\$26.41	\$54,940
Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals	1,860	\$25.74	\$53,540
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	42,300	\$25.40	\$52,830
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities	50	\$25.35	\$52,740

- Median annual wages of *mental health and substance abuse social workers* were \$37,210 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between \$28,910 and \$48,560. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$21,770, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$61,430. Median annual wages in the industries employing the largest numbers of mental health and substance abuse social workers in May 2008 were:

Outpatient care centers	\$36,660
Individual and family services	35,900
Residential mental retardation, mental health and substance abuse facilities	33,950

State and National Wages for mental health and substance abuse social workers

Location	Pay Period	2008				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$10.47	\$13.90	\$17.89	\$23.35	\$29.54
	Yearly	\$21,800	\$28,900	\$37,200	\$48,600	\$61,400
Kentucky	Hourly	\$12.37	\$14.36	\$17.63	\$22.32	\$27.50
	Yearly	\$25,700	\$29,900	\$36,700	\$46,400	\$57,200

Industries with the highest levels of employment in mental health and substance abuse social workers:

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
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Outpatient Care Centers	23,190	\$19.17	\$39,870
Individual and Family Services	21,690	\$18.45	\$38,370
Residential Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facilities	16,500	\$17.09	\$35,550
Local Government (OES designation)	11,740	N/A	N/A
State Government (OES designation)	11,130	N/A	N/A

Top paying industries for mental health and substance abuse social workers:

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
Office Administrative Services	470	\$24.46	\$50,880
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	N/A	\$23.65	\$49,180
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,280	\$22.53	\$46,860
Insurance Carriers	50	\$22.48	\$46,770
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	60	\$22.17	\$46,110

- Median annual wages of *social workers, all other* were \$46,220 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between \$34,420 and \$60,850. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$27,400, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$74,040. Median annual wages in the industries employing the largest numbers of social workers, all other in May 2008 were:

General medical and surgical hospitals	\$55,940
Local government	51,700
Individual and family services	36,660
Residential mental retardation, mental health and substance abuse facilities	36,460
Community food and housing, and emergency and other relief services	31,890

State and National Wages for Social Workers (all others)

Location	Pay Period	2008				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$13.17	\$16.55	\$22.22	\$29.25	\$35.60
	Yearly	\$27,400	\$34,400	\$46,200	\$60,800	\$74,000

Location	Pay Period	2008				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
Kentucky	Hourly	\$8.82	\$11.07	\$15.53	\$27.30	\$33.15
	Yearly	\$18,300	\$23,000	\$32,300	\$56,800	\$69,000

Industries with the highest levels of employment in social work (all others):

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
Local Government (OES designation)	15,580	\$25.16	\$52,340
Individual and Family Services	11,600	\$19.45	\$40,450
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	3,900	\$27.14	\$56,450
Community Food and Housing, and Emergency and Other Relief Services	2,630	\$16.62	\$34,570
Residential Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facilities	2,230	\$18.65	\$38,790

Top paying industries for social work (all others):

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
Federal Executive Branch (OES designation)	N/A	\$31.49	\$65,490
Elementary and Secondary Schools	1,330	\$27.18	\$56,530
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	3,900	\$27.14	\$56,450
Insurance Carriers	340	\$26.72	\$55,590
Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Hospitals	780	\$26.04	\$54,170

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Social Workers, retrieved on March 1, 2010 from <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm>