

## 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>