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There are 28,000 job postings for social workers in 2012.2 A survey of 151 social workers found that 67% were employed in social work roles.2

In 2013, there were 10,000 job postings for social work positions.3 Social workers, the healthcare providers, are sought by employers nationwide in industries such as healthcare, education, and human services.4

Most in Demand Homes

1. Medical Social Worker
2. Clinical Social Worker
3. School Social Worker
4. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
5. Mental Health Counselor
6. Social Services Assistance

Job skills in the following areas are in greatest demand for social workers with a graduate degree:

- Therapeutic intervention
- Case management
- Mental health
- Discharge planning
- Crisis intervention
- Patient care
- Social services
- Hospital
- Parole
- Hospice
- Human services

Projected Growth

- Medical and Public Health
- Mental Health
- Specialization

An estimated 74,800 jobs will be available from 2014-2024. Growth in the sector is expected to focus on health specialists.

Salary Information

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, social work professionals in healthcare, mental health, child, and family services, education, and other services earn median salaries between $40,900 and $54,900 per year.5

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers: $42,170
Child, family, and school social workers: $42,350
Healthcare social workers: $52,380
All other social workers: $58,560

Job Growth Predictions from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

The demand for social work professionals is expected to increase 12% by 2024, faster than the national average for all occupations.

Salaries range from $42,170 to $58,560, depending on specialty, education, and experience.