

CAREERS FOR

Sociology

MAJORS

The mission of [UNM's Department of Sociology](#) is to advance the comprehension of society, and explain and analyze human relationships, social institutions, and the dynamics of social change. Students who major in Sociology may choose to focus in one of two areas:

- **Pre-law** provides background for careers or further training in police, correctional or legal institutions. Similar to the Criminology major.
- **Human Services and Social Policy** is appropriate for future work in public and private agencies, as preparation for law school or for graduate study in social work, public administration, and business administration.

The UNM Sociology department offers field experience to juniors and seniors in the program through its [internship program](#). Internship settings range from the Albuquerque Police Department to Metro Court to community agencies and non-profit organizations.

Although many entry-level careers are available to those with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, an advanced degree is needed for careers such as [Lawyer](#) or [Clinical Social Worker](#).

Graduate School

Admittance into graduate schools typically require completed pre-requisites, passing of an entrance exam (GRE, LSAT), and a competitive GPA. Admission requirements vary based on the program.

- [UNM School of Law \(JD\)](#)
- [NMHU School of Social Work \(MA\)](#)
- [UNM Counselor Education program \(MA\)](#)
- [UNM School of Public Administration \(MPA\)](#)
- [UNM Anderson School of Management \(MBA\)](#)

Industries & Target Employers

- Human Services (government or non-profits): case management, crisis work, rehabilitation services, administration, advocacy, volunteer coordinator
- Education: teaching, research, administration, advisor, program manager
- Public policy: assist with research, data collection, policy analysis, program analysis
- Hospitals: case manager, care coordinator, counselor/social worker
- Human resources: recruiting, training and development, management, marketing

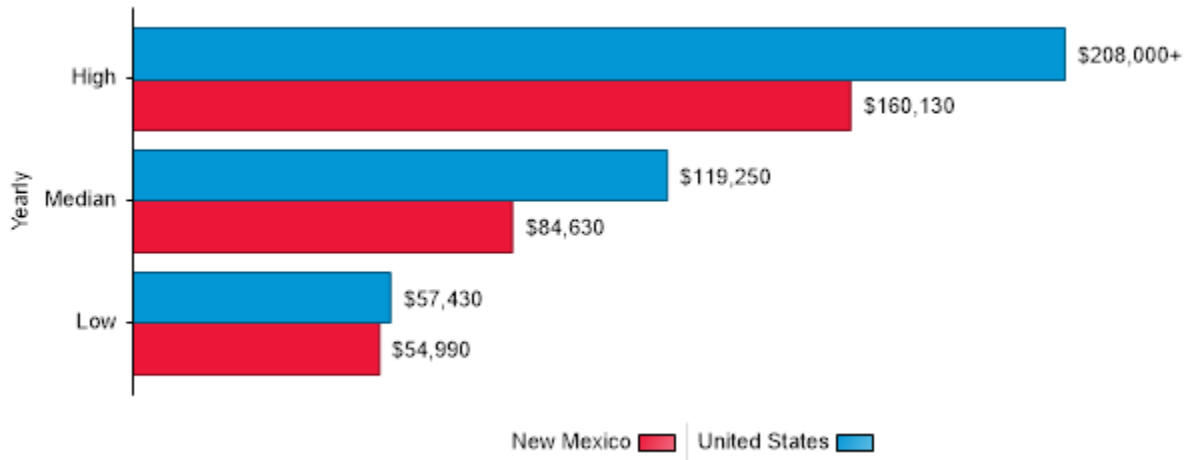
Top Companies

[Center for Nonprofit Excellence](#) (multiple agencies)

[State of New Mexico](#)
[Albuquerque Public Schools](#)
[NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

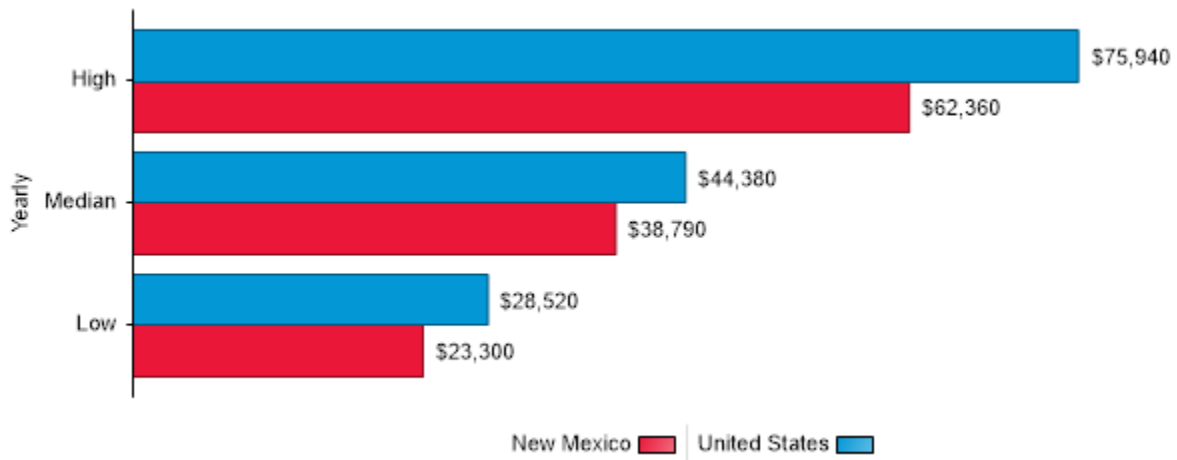
Salary Information

Wages for Lawyers in NEW MEXICO



*Must obtain a Juris Doctor (JD) degree after completing a Bachelor’s degree in order to become a [Lawyer](#).

Wages for Child, Family, and School Social Workers in NEW MEXICO



* Salaries correspond to [Clinical Social Worker](#) positions which require a Master’s degree.

Tips

- A Bachelor's degree in Sociology provides a solid foundation of knowledge for a wide variety of careers in community and social services as well as the critical thinking and writing skills required in many professions.
- Many community agencies hire entry-level case managers with Bachelor's degrees. Case work can provide valuable experience for those wishing to pursue a graduate degree in social work or counseling.
- Considering graduate school? Apply for the [McNair Scholars Program](#), which provides research opportunities, support with applying to grad school, and a summer stipend!
- Interested in a career in behavioral health? Consider applying to [El Puente de Encuentros Fellowship Program](#)

Learn More

[Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)

[O*NET: Lawyer](#)

[O*NET: Social Workers](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Lawyer](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Social Worker](#)

[Student Activities Center](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major: Social work](#)

[American Sociological Association](#)

[International Sociological Association](#)

[Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology](#)

[American Counseling Association](#)

[National Association of Social Workers](#)

[American School Counselor Association](#)

[Society for the Study of Social Problems](#)

[Idealist](#)