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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

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## SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

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- Oral Communication Skills
- Written Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Proficiency in Field of Study
- Demonstrated Teamwork
- Leadership Abilities
- Flexibility
- Analytical Skills
- Computer Knowledge
- Problem Solving Skills
- Goal Orientation
- Global Awareness
- Research Skills
- Creativity
- Organizational Skills
- Presentation Skills
- Computer Skills
- Statistical Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills

*\*Partially taken from Great Jobs for Sociology Majors ((Lambert)*

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## POTENTIAL CAREERS

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- Care Manager
- Case Worker
- Child Care Worker
- City Manager
- Community Services Specialist
- Consultant
- Criminologist
- Demographer
- Teacher
- Environmental Organizer
- Fundraising Director
- Gerontologist
- Historian
- Hospital Administrator
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer
- Housing Project Manager
- Human Resources Assistant
- Career Counselor
- Market Researcher
- Prevention Counselor
- Parent/Family Counselor
- Program Coordinator
- Public Administrator
- Public Assistance Worker
- Parole Office
- Communications Consultant
- Government Relations
- Public Health Supervisor
- Public Relations Manager
- Research Assistant
- Recreation Worker
- Social Worker
- Survey Worker
- Women's Counselor
- Youth Specialist

*\* Some of the potential careers may require post graduate education.*

*\*Taken from Great Jobs for Sociology Majors ((Lambert) 2008*

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## TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

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- State Government
- Local Government
- Consulting Firms
- Advertising/Marketing Firms
- Elementary/Secondary Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Banks
- Retail Stores
- Staffing Agencies
- Insurance Firms
- Research Institutes
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Writing/Editing Firms
- Newspapers, Magazines, News Agencies
- Adoption/Child Care Agencies
- Peace Corps
- Prisons, Jails
- Recreational Centers
- Religious Organizations
- Hospitals
- Environmental Advocacy Groups
- Retirement Communities
- Health Clubs
- Theme Parks
- Camps

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## TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN SOCIOLOGY

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Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators	13.9%
Social Workers	10.0%
Other administrative (e.g., records clerks, telephone operators)	5.7%
Other management-related occupations	5.7%
Sales occupations, including retail	5.2%
Other marketing and sales occupations	4.1%
Secretaries, receptionists, typists	4.1%
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	4.1%
Accountants, auditors, other financial specialists	3.5%

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## POST GRADUATION ACTIVITES

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- About 33% proceed to earn a post-graduate degree.
- About 25% of the master's degrees are earned in the field of education.
- A substantial number of the master's degrees are earned in business and psychology.

*\*Taken from The College Majors Handbook (Fogg, Harrington, & Harrington) 2004*

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## RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (GSC 310)

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- *Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to Your Perfect Career*
- *Keys to Liberal Arts Success*
- *Careers in Sociology*
- *Great Jobs for Sociology Majors*
- *Opportunities in Social Science Careers*