



INTERVENTIONS

Availability of Child, Family, School Social Workers

INDICATOR

Rate of child, family, and school social workers per 100,000 residents.

Numerator	Number of social workers
Denominator	Number of residents, per 100,000

DESCRIPTION

This measure uses Bureau of Labor Statistics data to identify the ratio of Child, Family, and School Social Workers to the general population.

YEAR:		2016	
WI	US	Best	Worst
60*	94	309	24
	<i>per 100,000</i>	DC	LA
PAST YEAR:		2015	
WI	US		
60*	93		

* Indicates a statistically significant difference from the US value at $p < 0.05$.

IMPORTANCE

Social workers frequently provide mental health services to children and families, in addition to advocating for children and families and consulting with teachers and other staff on the students' behalf. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Wisconsin ranks among the ten worst states for meeting the mental health needs of the population; only 25% of those needing mental health treatment in Wisconsin are able to receive it. (KFF, 2017). Social workers are one type of practitioner who may be able to support children and families.

LIMITATIONS

- This is a statewide estimate and does not account for regional variations or scarcity in rural areas.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

Wisconsin Analyses

Wisconsin ranks in the bottom twenty percent in number of social workers per population, far below the national average.

National Analyses

SOURCE

Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2016). Occupational Employment Statistics, State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, Wisconsin. Retrieved from http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_wi.htm#29-0000.

KFF. (2017). Mental Health Care Professional Shortage. Retrieved 12/21/2017 from <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/mental-health-care-health-professional-shortage-areas-hpsas/>