

# SOCIAL WORKER



## WHAT THEY DO

Social work is concerned with individual and personal problems and with broader social issues such as poverty, unemployment and domestic violence. Social workers help individuals, families and communities to improve lives. They help people develop their skills and their ability to use their own resources and those of the community to resolve everyday life problems. Social workers offer social and family support through counseling. Clinical social workers may diagnose and treat mental, behavioral, and emotional issues.

## HOW THEY WORK

Social workers are part of an interprofessional team whose focus is to provide quality patient care and family services. They work in hospitals, home care centers, and in clients' homes. They will often serve as liaisons between different institutions to assist patients and collaborate with other health professionals to ensure patient wellness. They refer clients to community resources and advocate on the client's behalf. They work with their clients' families to ensure certain needs such as food, housing, and transportation are met.

## TRAINING

There are a number of social work training programs in Alberta at the diploma, Bachelor, and Master's degree levels. Social Workers are regulated by the Alberta College of Social Work.

SOCIAL WORKERS IN ALBERTA 2019 (CIHI 2019 DATA)	
<b>SUPPLY</b>	<b>7618</b>
<b>% CHANGE SINCE 2018</b>	<b>+8.3%</b>
<b>RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION</b>	<b>176.9</b>
<b>PROPORTION OF:</b>	
FEMALES	<b>86.6%</b>
MALES	<b>13.4%</b>

## RESOURCES

**Regulatory Body:** Alberta College of Social Workers <https://www.acsw.ab.ca/index.html>

### ALBERTA ALIS PROFILE:

<https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/social-worker/>

### AHS CAREER PROFILE:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/careers/Page11723.aspx>