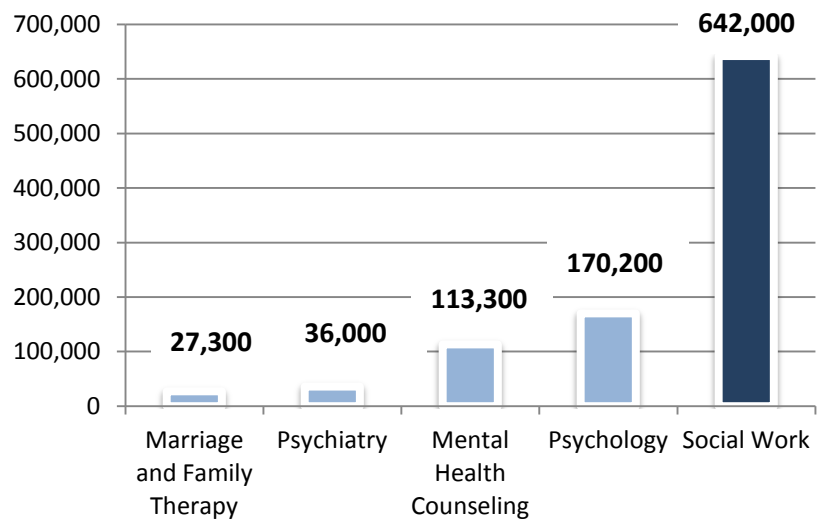


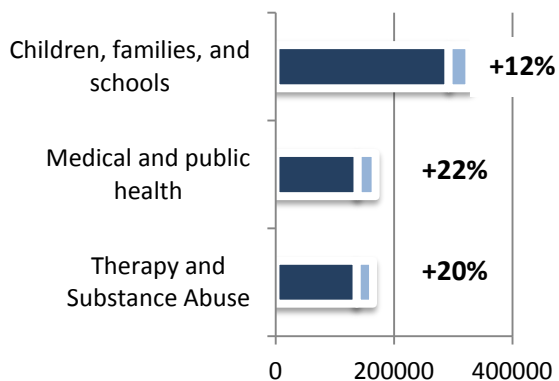
Social Workers are the largest provider of mental health services in the United States.

- There are more social workers nationwide than psychologists, mental health counselors, psychiatrists, and marriage and family therapists combined.
- Approximately 31% of all social workers work within the government.
- Social workers are employed in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, nursing homes, policy development, and veteran's clinics.

Mental Health Professionals Nationwide



Projected Job Growth



- The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that employment for social workers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2018.
- Job prospects are expected to be best for social workers specializing in gerontology or substance abuse treatment.
- Competition is expected for social work jobs in cities where training programs for these professionals are prevalent.

- There are 42 schools of social work in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth is the second largest educator of social workers nationwide.
- There are approximately 40,000 degreed social workers throughout Pennsylvania.
- Of the licensed 11,313 social workers in Pennsylvania, 4,564 hold the advanced clinical license (LCSW).
- Licensed social workers in Pennsylvania must hold a graduate degree and pass a national competency exam.

Licensed Mental Health Professionals in Pennsylvania

