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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

Sociologists scientifically study society, communities, institutions and social behaviour. Their research helps governments and organisations improve education, health and social policies.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (arts) + bachelor's in sociology; master's and PhD for research
Work mode	Office-based; fieldwork for surveys and interviews
Demand	Steady to growing - in research, the social sector, policy and UX research
Top earning	₹1.5 lakh+/month at professor/department head level

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in society and social issues
- Enjoy talking to people, reading and writing
- Like analysing problems

ABILITIES

- Attention to fine detail
- Skilled communication
- Logical and critical thinking

KEY SKILLS

- Social research methods (surveys, interviews, ethnography)
- Understanding of sociological theories
- Use of tools like SPSS/R
- Statistical and qualitative data analysis
- Academic writing and report preparation
- Sensitive engagement with diverse communities

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in the arts stream.
- 2 Do a bachelor's (BA) in sociology.
- 3 Pursue a master's in sociology or a related field.
- 4 Clear UGC NET/JRF and enter MPhil/PhD.
- 5 Start as a research assistant in research institutes, NGOs or survey agencies.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET (UG/PG) for university admission
- UGC NET/JRF (sociology) for teaching and research fellowships

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan (Department of Sociology) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Jai Narain Vyas University — Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Mohanlal Sukhadia University — Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi — New Delhi
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (CSSS) — New Delhi
- Jamia Millia Islamia — New Delhi

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Banasthali Vidyapith — Tonk, Rajasthan
- Fergusson College — Pune, Maharashtra
- Loyola College — Chennai, Tamil Nadu

ONLINE

- IGNOU (B.A./M.A. Sociology, distance) — Distance education

FEES

Course fees roughly ₹15,000 to ₹1,50,000; much lower at government universities and IGNOU. Varies by institute.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Rajasthan CM Higher Education Scholarship (HTE) (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Research organisations, colleges and universities, state and central government, NGOs and consulting firms.

WORK CULTURE

Mostly office work; time outside for interviews, observation and presenting research. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Universities and colleges (UGC pay scales) | • Research institutes - CSDS, Tata Institute of Social Sciences |
| • Government departments and planning bodies | • NGOs and international agencies |
| • Market/UX research and consulting firms | • Media and policy think tanks |

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for sociology graduates is steadily growing in 2026 in social policy evaluation, CSR impact assessment and UX/market research.

7 Career growth

- 1 Research intern
- 2 Junior analyst
- 3 Sociologist/Researcher
- 4 Senior sociologist
- 5 Professor/Department head

EARNINGS

Starting	₹20,000-35,000
Mid level	₹45,000-80,000
Senior level	₹90,000-1,50,000

UGC pay scales make university salaries attractive; NGO-sector pay varies by organisation.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Contributing to understanding and changing society
- Varied paths across teaching, research and policy
- Sociology is a popular optional for UPSC/RPSC exams

The challenges

- Long study up to master's/PhD for good posts
- Modest pay in early research roles
- Stiff competition for permanent academic posts

9 Real-life journeys

André Beteille

One of India's foremost sociologists - National Professor and Padma Bhushan

Raised in modest circumstances in Kolkata, Andre Beteille lived in a Tamil Nadu village to produce landmark research on caste and class, and teaching at the Delhi School of Economics, earned Indian sociology global recognition.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andr%C3%A9_Beteille

Nandini Sundar

Professor of sociology - Delhi School of Economics; Infosys Prize laureate

Nandini Sundar spent years of fieldwork on Bastar's adivasi society, producing important research on identity and inequality; she won the 2010 Infosys Prize for Social Sciences.

Infosys Science Foundation · <https://www.infosysprize.org/laureates/2010/nandini-sundar.html>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Historian
- Psephologist
- Political Scientist

11 Sources & further reading

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2. National Career Service portal — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
3. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>
4. UGC - list of recognised universities — <https://www.ugc.gov.in>
5. NIRF institute rankings — <https://www.nirfindia.org>



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