

CAREER FACT SHEET

Child Carers

Snapshot

Child Carers provide care and supervision for children in residential homes and non-residential childcare centres.

How many are employed in this occupation?	165,000
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,059
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Moderate Growth

Main employing industries

Health Care and Social Assistance; Education and Training; Other Services

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- assisting in the preparation of materials and equipment for children's education and recreational activities
- managing children's behaviour and guiding children's social development
- preparing and conducting activities for children
- entertaining children by reading and playing games
- supervising children in recreational activities
- supervising the daily routine of children
- supervising the hygiene of children

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Education and Training

If you relate well to people, particularly younger people, are patient, caring, and feel you have a flair for passing on your knowledge and skills to others, then you might like to consider a career in education and training. The Education and Training sector has experienced strong growth over the past decade, creating a strong demand for trained staff in this field. If you are someone that has a passion for education and is interested in supporting young people in their learning and development, then you should seriously explore the pathways to becoming a Primary or Secondary teacher. If you have practical skills and knowledge you could share with others, you may want to consider the merits of becoming a Vocational Education Teacher/Trainers or Trade teacher. If you enjoy working with children in their early years - helping with their daily care and encouraging their personal development and learning - you may be interested in working in the rapidly growing child care industry. There is a strong demand for qualified child care workers in community, government, and private establishments around the country and it is a very rewarding vocation.

Possible job pathways

- Child Care Centre Managers
- Child Carers (Child Care Assistants, Child Care Group Leaders)
- Driving Instructors
- Education Aides
- ICT Trainers
- Library Assistants
- Primary School Teachers
- School Principals
- Secondary School Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Training and Development Professionals
- Vocational Education Teachers



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