

CAREER FACT SHEET

Police

Snapshot

As first responders to every imaginable emergency, Police officers protect and preserve property, public order and safety through the enforcement of laws

How many are employed in this occupation?	62,300
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$2,188
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	High
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Moderate Growth

Main employing industries

Public Administration and Safety

Tasks

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- securing and examining scenes of crimes and accidents to locate and obtain evidence for analysis
- protecting witnesses and investigating official corruption
- maintaining public order and safety
- patrolling assigned areas to minimise potential for public disturbance and crime
- investigating accidents, crimes, minor offences and citizens' complaints, gathering evidence, and pursuing, arresting and interviewing suspected offenders
- testing persons suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and issuing infringement notices for traffic offences
- directing and re-routing traffic at congested areas
- attending community meetings and answering inquiries from the public where necessary
- providing advice and assistance to victims of crime and their families
- maintaining records and preparing reports

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Public Administration and Safety

If you enjoy complex problem solving, and are a critical thinker who is good at communicating with people and undertaking administrative tasks, then the Public Administration and Safety sector might have a career pathway for you. The Public Administration and Safety industry is primarily made up of Federal, State and Local Government legislative, executive and legal agencies. These bodies provide physical, social, economic and general public safety and security services and are charged with enforcing regulations. Maybe you have always dreamt about being a Police or Ambulance officer, or want to work in a role that services members of the public. Perhaps you are interested in public policy, legislation and regulation. The Public Administration and Safety sector offers opportunities in these and many other fascinating areas.

Possible job pathways

- Auditors and Company Secretaries
- Economists
- Contract, Program and Project Administrators
- Filing and Registry Clerks
- General Clerks
- Human Resource Clerks
- Human Resource Managers
- Human Resource Professionals
- Inquiry Clerks
- Keyboard Operators (Data Entry Operator)
- Other Clerical & Administrative Workers
- Payroll Clerks
- Personal Assistants
- Policy and Planning Managers
- Receptionists
- Secretaries
- Cartographers and Surveyors
- Fire and Emergency Workers
- Inspectors and Regulatory Officers
- Police
- Prison Officers
- Safety Inspectors
- Security Officers and Guards
- Social Workers
- Archivists, Curators and Records Managers
- Primary Products Inspectors
- Urban and Regional Planners



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