

CAREER FACT SHEET

Security Officers and Guards

Snapshot

Security Officers and Guards provide security and investigative services to organisations and individuals.

How many are employed in this occupation?	61,200
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,382
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; Accommodation and Food Services; Arts and Recreation Services; Health Care and Social Assistance

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- patrolling property and checking doors, windows and gates for unauthorised entry
- watching for irregularities such as fire hazards, malfunctions of machines and equipment, lights left on, leaking water pipes and unlocked security doors
- issuing security passes to authorised visitors and giving directions
- monitoring alarms and contacting supervisors, police and fire brigades by radio or phone if security is breached or fire is detected
- picking up and ensuring the safe delivery of cash, payrolls and valuables
- operating coin and currency counting machines, and carrying out cash counting and packaging functions
- maintaining order at venues where there are large gatherings of people
- conducting investigations for clients and preparing evidence for court proceedings
- detecting and investigating theft and other unlawful acts carried out in retail establishments
- advising clients on security requirements and designing security specifications

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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