

CAREER FACT SHEET

Primary School Teachers

Snapshot

Primary School Teachers teach a range of subjects within a prescribed curriculum to primary school students and promote students' social, emotional, intellectual and physical development

How many are employed in this occupation?	155,600
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,984
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Above 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

Education and Training

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- teaching literacy, numeracy, social science, creative expression and physical education skills to primary school students
- presenting prescribed curriculum using a range of teaching techniques and materials
- developing students' interests, abilities and coordination by way of creative activities
- guiding discussions and supervising work in class
- preparing, administering and marking tests, projects and assignments to evaluate students' progress and recording the results
- discussing individual progress and problems with students and parents, and seeking advice from student counsellors and senior teachers
- maintaining discipline in classrooms and other school areas
- participating in staff meetings, educational conferences and workshops
- liaising with parent, community and business groups
- maintaining class and scholastic records
- performing extra-curricular tasks such as assisting with sport, school concerts, excursions and special interest programs
- supervising student teachers on placement

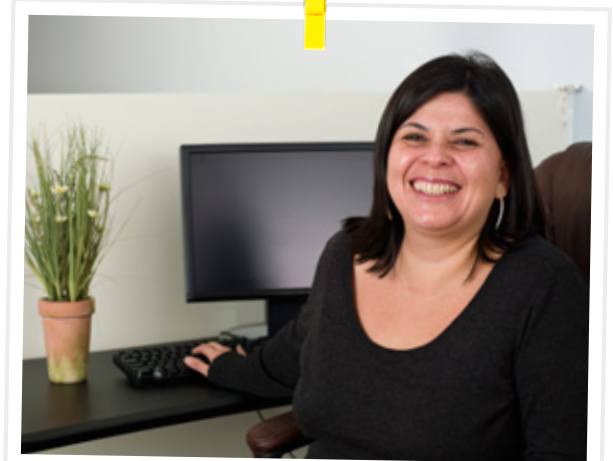
INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

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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