



PUBLIC SERVICES

The Public Services Industry Sector provides a foundation for students interested in being involved in their community and serving the public's interest. Careers in this sector often attract people who want to help their fellow citizens and make improvements to the communities they serve. Careers range from public safety to community outreach, and everything in between. Because of heightened interest in homeland and border security, employment growth in this sector is projected at over 20% in the near future.

Students engage in an instructional program that integrates academic and technical preparation and focuses on career awareness, exploration, and skill preparation. Community service, internships, and work experience go hand in hand with classroom instruction.

The information below is just a small sample of the many great employment related resources available on the State of California website www.edd.ca.gov. We encourage you to visit the website and explore the available information.

Occupation Title	Employment Levels in 2006	Projected Employment level 2016	Projected Job Growth	Percent of Job Growth	2008 Hourly Mean Wage	2008 ² Weekly Mean Wage	2008 ³ Monthly Mean Wage	2008 Annual Mean Wage
Animal Control Workers	1,700	2,100	400	23.5%	\$20.75	\$830.00	\$3,486.00	\$41,832.00
Child Care workers	128,500	146,300	17,800	13.9%	\$11.05	\$442.00	\$1,856.40	\$22,276.80
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	21,700	25,700	4,000	18.4%	\$24.92	\$996.80	\$4,186.56	\$50,238.72
Correctional Officers & Jailers	38,400	46,200	7,800	20.3%	\$30.66	\$1,226.40	\$5,150.88	\$61,810.56
Court Reporters	2,000	2,400	400	20.0%	\$33.48	\$1,339.20	\$5,624.64	\$67,495.68
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	11,300	14,300	3,000	26.5%	\$36.76	\$1,470.40	\$6,175.68	\$74,108.16
Ed., Vocational, and School Counselors	29,100	34,800	5,700	19.6%	\$28.13	\$1,125.20	\$4,725.84	\$56,710.08
Emerg. Medical Techs & Paramedics	12,100	14,800	2,700	22.3%	\$15.56	\$622.40	\$2,614.08	\$31,368.96
Fire Fighters	26,700	31,600	4,900	18.4%	\$30.16	\$1,206.40	\$5,066.88	\$60,802.56
Forensic Science Technicians	1,600	2,300	700	43.8%	\$30.10	\$1,204.00	\$5,056.80	\$60,681.60
Judges, Magistrates	1,900	2,100	200	10.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Law Clerks	4,400	4,600	200	4.6%	\$21.50	\$860.00	\$3,612.00	\$43,344.00
Lawyers	85,000	97,900	12,900	15.2%	\$67.69	\$2,707.60	\$11,371.92	\$136,463.04
Marriage & Family Therapists	6,400	7,800	1,400	21.9%	\$21.02	\$840.80	\$3,531.36	\$42,376.32
Paralegal & Legal Assistants	24,700	31,200	6,500	26.3%	\$26.91	\$1,076.40	\$4,520.88	\$54,250.56
Police & Sheriff Patrol Officers	61,300	72,200	10,900	17.8%	\$34.93	\$1,397.20	\$5,868.24	\$70,418.88
Private Detectives & Investigators	5,700	6,500	800	14.0%	\$25.90	\$1,036.00	\$4,351.20	\$52,214.40
Psychiatrists	6,100	7,100	1,000	16.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Psychologists	2,400	2,800	400	16.7%	\$52.08	\$2,083.20	\$8,749.44	\$104,993.28
Security Guards	139,300	160,300	21,000	15.1%	\$12.33	\$493.20	\$2,071.44	\$24,857.28
Substance and Behavioral Counselors	9,600	13,000	3,400	35.4%	\$17.39	\$695.60	\$2,921.52	\$35,058.24
Transit & Railroad Police	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$21.99	\$879.60	\$3,694.32	\$44,331.84

These selected occupations with information on job growth, percent growth and earning potentials are based on information found at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

¹ **Mean:** Midpoint between highest & lowest

² **Weekly:** Based on 40 hours

³ **Monthly:** Based on 168 hours



TIPS FOR JOB SEEKERS

How can you improve your chances of getting a job? Applying for a job is the easy part, but getting it can be more of a challenge. Following these five tips can help you reach your goal:

1 The Job

- Determine your interests: talk to others and consider your hobbies and talents
- Search “career assessments” on the Internet

2 The Resume

- Should be easy to read: not too long, too wordy or too cluttered
- Make it powerful
- Show you can cooperate, you can learn, and you can do

3 The Application

- Make it neat, complete and accurate
- Include recommendations from teachers, employers, coaches, friends, etc.

4 The Interview

- Show enthusiasm: it separates the winners from the losers
- Dress appropriately/similar to those on the job

5 The Follow-up

- Send a thank you note
- Call to see if a decision has been made
- If not, ask, “Am I still a candidate?”
- If you are, ask, “Is it okay if I call back in a couple of days?”



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