

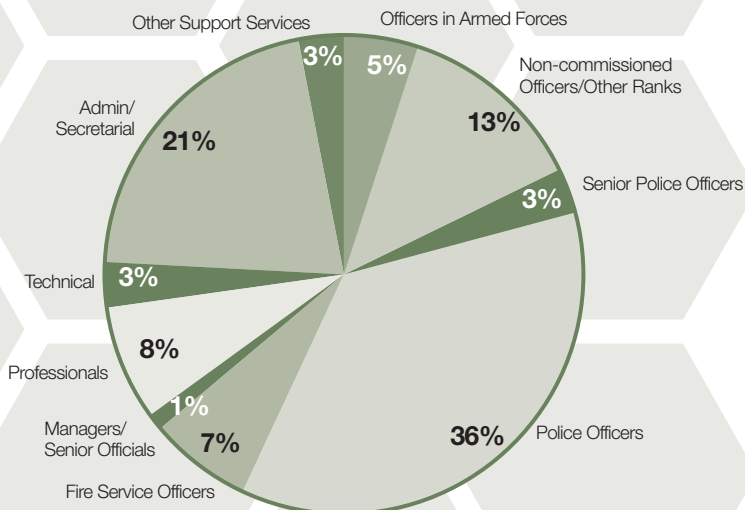


Public Services

What's happening?

- Close to half a million people work in the UK security business sector, from security guards and door supervisors, through to close protection officers and alarm installation engineers.
- The security and armed service sector covers the armed forces, the police and fire services and the private security industry.
- Police Authorities in England and Wales have £315 million to fund police community support officers and neighbourhood policing in 2007/8.
- Most prison officers are employed by the Prison Service, run by the government. In the UK there are approximately 29,600 prison officers. There are also some private prisons.
- There are national skills shortages for defence medical service, airmen aircrew, submariners and Royal Signals.
- The gender split across the sector is 62% male and 38% female. Although women can now hold almost the same roles as men within the armed forces, some restrictions still apply.
- Training is a fundamental aspect of employment in the Armed Services.
- No formal educational qualifications are necessary for many jobs in this sector, although applicants are required to pass various entrance tests. Most people entering one of the armed forces as an officer have a level 3 qualification or a degree.

Who does what?



Source: Labour Force Survey 2006, © Crown Copyright. Figures are for England.

How much could I earn?

Remember – many jobs will demand minimum entry qualifications. Those earning high salaries are usually well qualified and experienced and will continue to learn throughout their working life.

	Annual mean salary
Army entrant	£12,570
Army Private	£20,600
Fire Service Station Manager	£35,057
Firefighter trainee	£20,396
Police Constable	£21,009
RAF recruit	£12,570
Royal Navy entrant	£12,570
Security Guard	£18,228

Salary rates have been calculated using the average gross pay for full-time workers. Figures are for the UK. Averages can hide higher earnings. With training and career development, higher salaries can be achieved. Source: Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings 2007, ONS © Crown Copyright, and the Army, RAF, Police, Navy and Fire service websites.

Numbers employed within sector by local businesses

Essex LSC	8,700
Essex	7,600
Southend UA	#
Thurrock UA	#
UK	436,900

Source: Annual Business Inquiry, 2007, [Nomis 17 May 2007] © Crown Copyright. Figures do not include the self-employed, people under 16 or trainees without a contract of employment. Figures are rounded to nearest hundred. # unable to disclose data due to commercial confidentiality.



What we think will happen

- The Royal Navy, Marines and Army will continue to face recruitment shortages.
- Training and education will continue to play a major role in the services. Increased lifelong learning may lead to more graduates joining the Services especially with an increasing need for technical specialisation.
- Between 2002 and 2012, 13,000 of those working in protective service occupations (which includes jobs in this sector) will have retired and 15,000 people will be required to replace them and to cope with the expected increase in demand for such jobs.
- Protecting businesses against theft, data loss and terrorism are big growth areas both in terms of employment and technological innovation.
- The justice sector in the UK (custodial care, community justice and police) employs approximately 560,000. Employment levels are predicted to increase to about 573,000 by 2014.
- The Government wants to increase the role of civilian police staff (people who work for the police but are not police officers) to free-up the time of police officers to carry out front-line duties. This will increase the opportunities available to civilian police staff.
- There will be a new qualification called a Diploma in Public Services available from September 2010. This will help people prepare for university, college or work.

Is this you?

- Desire to serve your community or country
- Physical fitness, stamina and energy
- Good team member
- Able to deal with difficult situations

What local students did in 2006

A total of 19 Year 11 local school leavers started full-time employment or work-based training in the protective occupations sector in 2006. (Essex 17, Southend 1 and Thurrock 1).

Source: Connexions Essex, Southend and Thurrock 2006.

Some job suggestions

- Cash in Transit Driver
- CCTV Control Room Operator
- Coastguard Officer
- Firefighter/Fire Officer
- Officer in the Army/Navy/Air Force/Royal Marines
- Prison Governor/Operational Manager/Officer
- Royal Air Force Airman/Airwoman

Next steps...

If you're serious about this type of work - FIND OUT MORE!

Use your Connexions Resource Area in School/College or visit your local Connexions Centre/One Stop Shop for information about jobs; qualifications; local training; further and higher education; skills and personal characteristics; rates of pay and working conditions.

Really useful websites and resources!

Army – www.army.mod.uk

Royal Air Force – www.raf.mod.uk

Royal Navy – www.royalnavy.mod.uk

Police – www.policecouldyou.co.uk

Maritime & Coastguard Agency – www.mcga.gov.uk

Ministry of Defence – www.mod.uk

HM Prison Service – www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk

Security Industry Authority – www.the-sia.org.uk

The Diploma – www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas

Jobs4u (careers database)

– www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u

Working in Booklets – case studies of people in a variety of jobs. (Security). Try your Connexions area, or download them from

www.connexions-direct.com. Go to careers>career resources>download publications>Working In

For learning opportunities and course information for 14-19 year olds in Essex, Southend and Thurrock, see www.stepon.org

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