

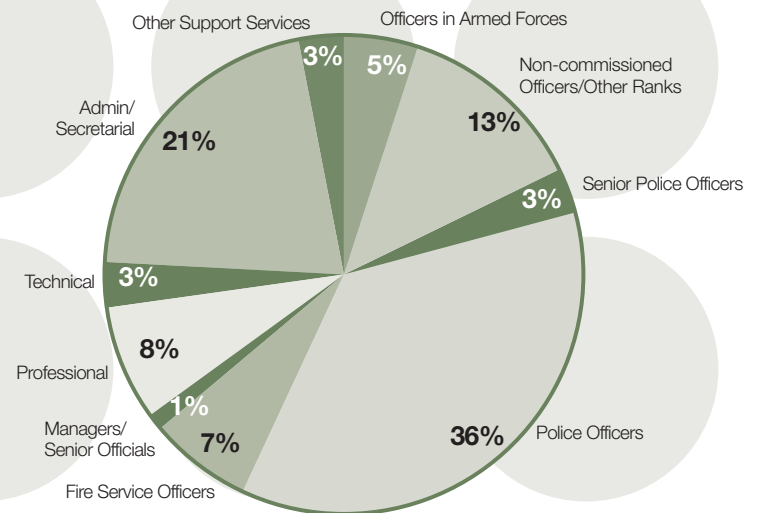


## Public Services

### 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.
- 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 of defence medical service personnel, aircrew and submariners.
- 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.
- Almost a third of army ranks (not officers) hold a level 2 qualification as their highest. Just over a third of police officers up to the rank of sergeant hold a level 2 qualification as their highest.
- 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 will I get paid?

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.

	Average annual salary
Officer in armed forces, Police Officer (Inspector and above), Senior Officer (fire, ambulance & prison service), Security Manager	<b>£47,688</b>
Police Officer (Sergeant and below), Fire Service Officer (Leading Fire Officer and below), Prison Service Officer (below Principal Officer)	<b>£32,236</b>
Security Guard	<b>£15,639</b>

Source: Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings 2005, © Crown Copyright. Salary rates have been calculated using the average, gross pay (before deductions) for full-time workers in the UK.

### Numbers employed locally

Hertfordshire	<b>5,700</b>
London & South East	<b>164,100</b>
Great Britain	<b>515,500</b>

Source: Annual Business Inquiry, 2005, © 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.



## What we think will happen

- 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.
- As part of a programme of government reform, police forces across England and Wales are aiming to have 16,000 community police officers in place by 2008. This will enable regular police officers to concentrate more fully on front-line duties.

## 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

In 2006 a total of 1,383 Year 11 local school leavers entered full-time employment or work-based training. Of these 27 people started work in the public services

Source: Connexions Hertfordshire 2006.

## Some job suggestions

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

## Next steps...

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

Use your Connexions area or visit your local Connexions Centre or One Stop Shop for information about jobs; qualifications; local training; further and higher education; skills and personal characteristics; rates of pay and working conditions; local, national and international employers.

## Really useful websites and resources!

Army – [www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk)

Royal Air Force – [www.raf.mod.uk](http://www.raf.mod.uk)

Royal Navy – [www.royalnavy.mod.uk](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk)

Police – [www.policecouldyou.co.uk](http://www.policecouldyou.co.uk)

Maritime & Coastguard Agency – [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk)

Ministry of Defence – [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk)

HM Prison Service – [www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk](http://www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk)

Security Industry Authority – [www.the-sia.org.uk](http://www.the-sia.org.uk)

E-Clips (information about careers and lifestyle issues)

– [www.connexions-hertfordshire.co.uk](http://www.connexions-hertfordshire.co.uk)

Fast Tomato (interactive careers guidance)

– [www.hertsft.com](http://www.hertsft.com)

Jobs4u (careers database)

– [www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u](http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u)

Working in Booklets – case studies of people in a variety of jobs. Try your Connexions area, or download them from [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com). Go to careers>career resources>download publications>Working In.

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