

PUBLIC SERVICES SECTOR

80,000

Large civil service bodies have lots of staff – HM Revenue and Customs employ over 80,000 people

20%

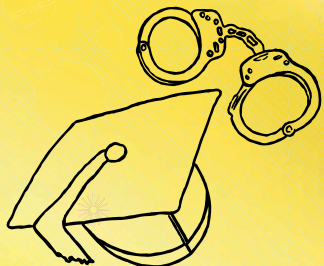
Around 20% of UK workers now work in the public sector

You could play a part in improving your community

Want to help others?

This is one of the most important sectors out there

These jobs aren't just important; they can be really exciting careers too ...



Do you want to make a difference with your career?



There are over 250,000 employees in legal services across the UK

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Careers Insight

Our society relies on this sector, which is all about making sure the public is safe, supported and healthy. There are plenty of different careers on offer for anyone who really wants to make difference.

Justice

This important sub-sector is about keeping us safe in our communities. It covers police, courts, prisons, probation services, drugs & alcohol rehabilitation, emergency fire services and community justice.

Earnings: With experience, you could be making between £20,000 and £25,000.

Education

Schools all fall under public services. Broadly speaking, education is about personal development, social skills and stimulating thought. It covers everything from classroom teaching to organising youth activities.

Earnings: Varies across professions. A learning support worker could make between £11,000 and £16,000 a year.

Health

The healthcare sector within London has a world-class reputation, not only for healthcare delivery but for research and development. Since Healthcare is such a huge sector in its own right, check out our Health & Social Care article online at

www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk.

Housing

This sub-sector is about making sure everyone has a roof over their head, from the elderly and disabled to families who need extra financial help.

Earnings: With experience, you could be making between £20,000 and £27,000.

Local government

Local government is responsible for lots of important services – education, environmental health, housing, social care and many more, all of which benefit our local community.

Earnings: Starting between £14,000 and £17,000 a year, increasing with experience.

GET QUALIFIED

There are plenty of vocational and academic courses relevant to this sector...

Apprenticeships

You can get into public services through an Apprenticeship; all of these are NVQ level 2:

- Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Community Development
- Housing
- Property Services
- Public Services
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Youth Work

Advanced Apprenticeships

You can also do an advanced Apprenticeship in this sector; all of these are NVQ level 3:

- Building Services Engineering Technicians
- Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Emergency Fire Service Operations
- Housing
- Information and Library Services
- Learning and Development
- Property Services
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Youth Work

A Levels

Here are some A Levels, which are relevant to the sector:

- English • Government and Politics • Law

Foundation Degrees

A Foundation Degree is a university-level qualification that is equivalent to the first two years of an Honours Degree. They are different from Honours Degrees as they involve learning in the workplace as well as at university or college.

College Courses

A college course can also be a great route into this sector. To see which colleges have relevant courses in your region check out www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk.

USEFUL LINKS

- www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk - The best careers site on the web.
- www.skillsforjustice.com - Sector Skills Council for Justice.
- www.skillsforhealth.org.uk - Sector Skills for Health.
- www.careersbox.co.uk - Home to a fantastic library of free careers videos.