

Government & Public Administra- tion Cluster



Planning and performing government functions at the local, state and federal levels, including governance, national security, foreign service, planning, revenue and taxation and regulations.

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Urban & Regional Planners

It's a hot day, and you wish your town would hurry up and build that pool everyone keeps talking about. Where should it be built? What land is available? How would building it affect the local wildlife? What do you say to neighbors who worry about noise and traffic? A planner would help the town answer all of these questions—and many more. As the nation's population grows, so do our cities and suburbs. Planners play a key role in managing that growth. They keep communities safe, livable places and work to improve them.

Are you interested in making your community better through smart land planning? A career as an **urban and regional planner** may be for you.

Urban and regional planners help communities decide on the best use of land. They find places to build homes and businesses, deal with transportation issues and study the environmental effects of possible projects.

Are You Ready To...?

- Defend your ideas to people who disagree with them
- Spend a lot of time at meetings, even outside of regular work hours
- Work within budgets and state and local laws
- Keep learning as laws and community needs change

It Helps To Be...

A creative, organized problem solver. Urban and regional planners make decisions that affect a lot of people, so it helps to be a good listener who is willing to hear the ideas of others.

A Day In The Life...

- Hold public meetings with government officials, social scientists, lawyers, developers, the public or special interest groups to formulate, develop or address issues regarding land use or community plans
- Recommend approval, denial or conditional approval of proposals
- Assess the feasibility of proposals and identify necessary changes

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$29.67

*That comes out to more than
\$61,706 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
410 Urban & Regional
Planners.**

By 2026, we'll need 471.

Could you be one of the 61?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for urban and regional planners require a **bachelor's degree** and a **master's degree**.



Top 5 Industries for Urban & Regional Planners

1. Local Government
2. State Government
3. Architectural, Engineering and Related Services
4. Federal Government
5. Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services

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CareerPlanning.aspx](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx).

Related College Majors

- Architecture
- City, Community and Regional Planning
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Landscape Architecture
- Public Administration
- Urban Studies

Related Industry Certifications

- Certified Recycling Systems Professional
- Economic Development Certification
- Planning and Scheduling Professional

Related Careers

- Architects
- Civil Engineers
- Geographic Specialists
- Government Executives and Legislators
- Landscape Architects
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Real Estate Brokers and Sales Agents

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