



Job Prospects & Career Pathways

Employment opportunities within the Security industry are quite varied and offer wide-ranging opportunities. From working at sporting events through to more traditional security officer roles, a career in security is certainly an exciting and rewarding one.

Typical job roles include:

- Shopping Centre security
- Concert security
- Nightclub security
- Mobile Patrol Guard

Whether you want to work full time, casual, part-time, weekends or shifts, security is the only industry that offers you this flexibility. If you want to earn additional income, you can do part time security over weekends or nights.

Pathway

If you wish to progress your security career through additional study, this course will lead to higher studies in [Certificate III in Security Operations](#). Credit transfers/Skills Recognition may be available.

There were 60,300 Security Officers and Guards in 2020. The number of workers:

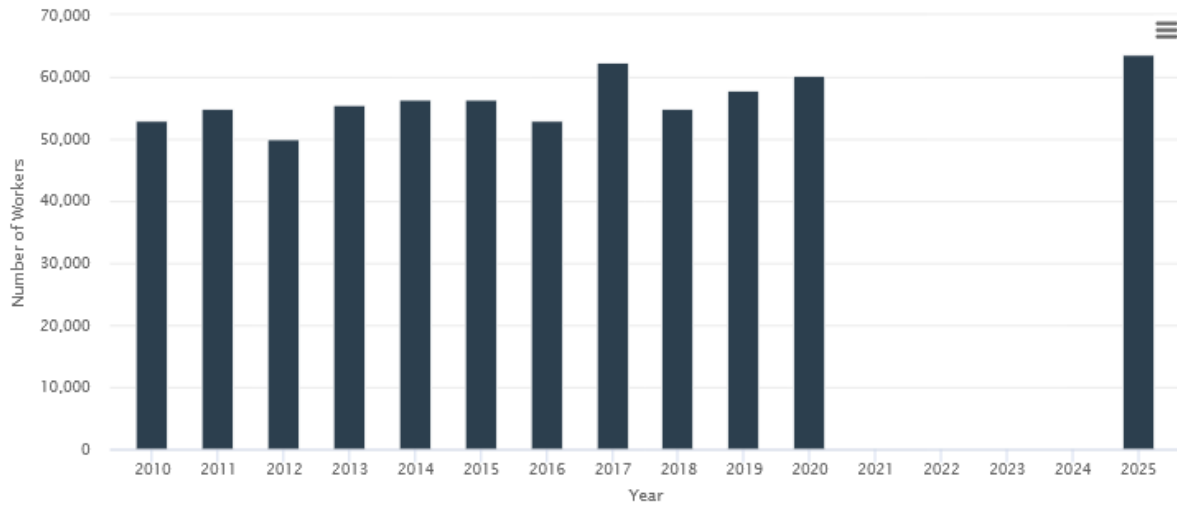
- grew moderately over the past 5 years
- is expected to grow over the next five years
- is likely to reach 63,600 by 2025.

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data to November 2020 and National Skills Commission [Employment Projections to 2025](#). The number employed includes people who work in this occupation as their main job. People who work in more than one job are counted against the occupation they work the most hours in.

Employment Snapshot

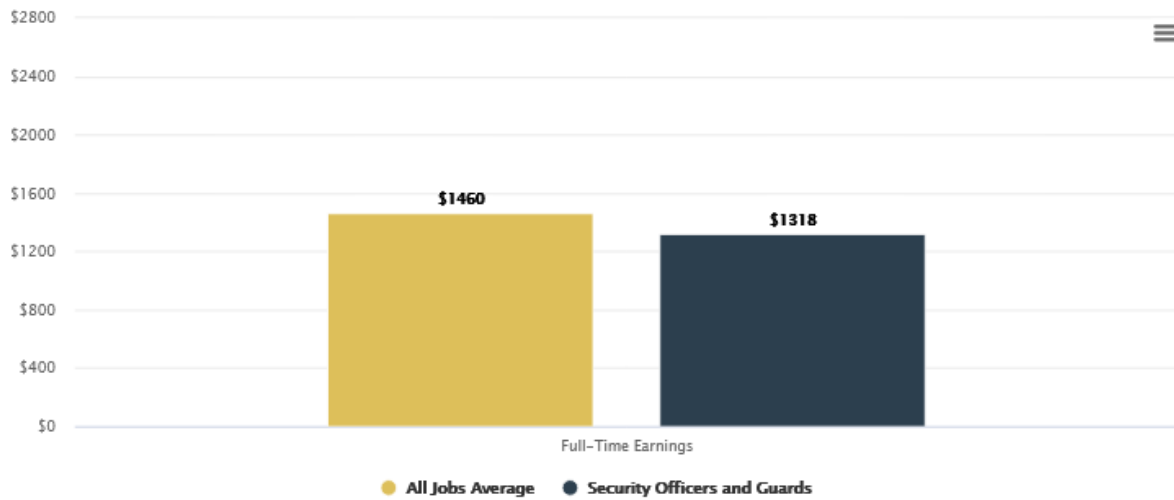
- **Size:** This is a very large occupation.
- **Location:** Security Officers and Guards work in many regions of Australia.
- **Industries:** Most work in Public Administration and Safety; Health Care and Social Assistance; and Retail Trade.
- **Earnings:** Full-time workers on an adult wage earn around \$1,318 per week (similar to the average of \$1,460). Earnings tend to be lower when starting out and higher as experience grows.
- **Full-time:** Many work full-time (68%, similar to the average of 66%).
- **Hours:** Full-time workers spend around 45 hours per week at work (compared to the average of 44 hours).
- **Age:** The average age is 41 years (compared to the average of 40 years).
- **Gender:** 16% of workers are female (compared to the average of 48%).

Employment Outlook



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, ABS seasonally adjusted data to November 2020 and National Skills Commission Employment Projections to 2025.

Weekly Earnings



Source: Based on ABS Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours (cat. no. 6306.0), May 2018, Customised Report. Median weekly total cash earnings for full-time non-managerial employees paid at the adult rate. Earnings are before tax and include amounts salary sacrificed. Earnings can vary greatly depending on the skills and experience of the worker and the demands of the role. These figures should be used as a guide only, not to determine a wage rate.

<https://joboutlook.gov.au/occupations/security-officers-and-guards?occupationCode=4422>