

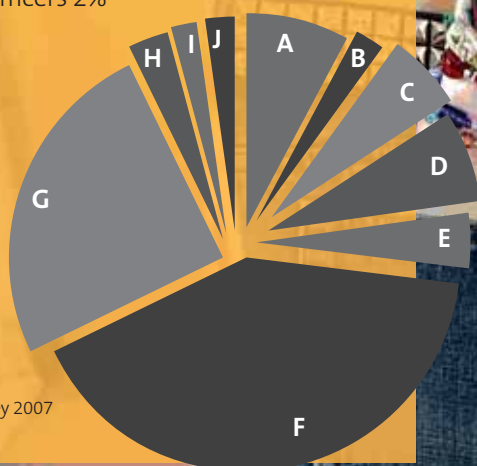
Security and Armed Services

The security and armed service sector covers the armed forces, the police and fire services and the private security industry.

The Army employs 100,000, the Royal Navy 33,500 and 45,200 work within the RAF. There are around 140,000 police officers employed in regional and non-geographic forces such as the British Transport Police. The UK private security industry employs more than 500,000.

WHO DOES WHAT?

- A Admin/Secretarial 8%
- B Communication Officers 2%
- C Fire Service Officers 6%
- D Non-commissioned Officers/Other Ranks 7%
- E Officers in armed forces 4%
- F Other Occupations 41%
- G Police Officers 25%
- H Security Guards 3%
- I Senior Officers: Fire, Ambulance, Prison etc. 2%
- J Senior Police Officers 2%



Source: Labour Force Survey 2007
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Figures are for England.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- > Entry and training requirements in the armed forces depend on the occupation and the level of entry. For instance, it is possible to join a junior rank with no educational qualifications, whereas a candidate for officer selection needs at least a level 3 qualification or a degree.
- > Training is a fundamental aspect of employment in the armed services. Each service offers structured and continuous training, including Apprenticeships in technical trades.
- > Although women can now hold almost the same roles as men within the armed forces, some restrictions still apply. In the army, for example, women are excluded from ground combat.
- > There are national skills shortages for: defence medical service; aircrew; submariners and Royal Signals.
- > Employees within the armed services serve all over the UK and overseas.
- > 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.
- > 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.
- > Skills gained in the armed forces and police are highly valued by commercial and public sector employers.

WHAT WE THINK WILL HAPPEN

- > Protecting businesses against theft, data loss and terrorism activities will continue to be big growth areas, with UK-wide opportunities.
- > New qualifications, called Diplomas, are being introduced. These will help people prepare for university, college or work. There will be a Diploma in Public Services. Look out to see whether the Diploma in Public Services is on offer in your area.
- > As well as the armed forces, the police and fire services and the private security industry the public services sector also includes: education: museums and libraries; health service, and local and national government including the Ministry of Defence.

NUMBERS EMPLOYED LOCALLY

> B&NES	3,675
> Bristol	2,764
> North Somerset	1,420
> South Gloucestershire	6,171

Source: Annual Business Inquiry Employee Analysis. ONS Crown Copyright. (From Nomis 2009)

SOME JOB SUGGESTIONS

There are nearly 200 different jobs in the armed forces:

- > **Armed Forces:** Army/Navy/Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service/Royal Air Force/Royal Marines Officer
- > **Army Non-Commissioned:** Officer/Private; Royal Air Force; Airman/Airwoman; Royal Marines – Other ranks; Royal Navy Rating
- > **Emergency Services:** Coastguard Officer; Dog Handler; Firefighter/Fire Officer; Police Constable; Prison Governor/Operational Manager/Officer

IS THIS YOU?

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

HOW MUCH COULD I EARN? Average annual salary (£s)*

> Army Captain	£36,160
> Army Private	£16,226
> Army Sergeant	£28,622
> Army Soldier (entrant)	£13,012
> Fire Service Station Manager	£35,057
> Navy Entrant	£12,570
> Police Constable	£21,009
> RAF Recruit	£10,570
> Trainee Firefighter	£20,396

WHAT 16 YEAR OLDS DID IN 2008

In 2008 83.7% of 16 year olds in the West of England continued in full-time education, while a further 10.2% entered full-time employment or work-based training.

In 2008 a total of 1,182 Year 11 school leavers from local schools entered full-time employment or work-based training. Of this number, 12 went into protective service occupations.

Source: Connexions West of England 2009.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you're serious about a career in security or the armed services – FIND OUT MORE!

- > Use Careerscape, JED, Kudos and the security or the armed services section of your Connexions resource area for more information including:
 - > Qualifications
 - > Local training, further and higher education opportunities
 - > Skills and personal characteristics
 - > Rates of pay and working conditions
 - > Local, national and international employers.

WEBSITES

- > Army: www.army.mod.uk
- > Fire Service: www.fireservice.co.uk
- > HM Prison Service: www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk
- > Maritime & Coastguard Agency: www.mcga.gov.uk
- > Ministry of Defence: www.mod.uk/careers
- > Police: www.policecouldyou.co.uk
- > Public Services Diploma: www.publicservicesdiploma.co.uk
- > Royal Air Force: www.rafcareers.com
- > Royal Navy: www.rnjobs.co.uk
- > Skills for Justice: www.skillsforjustice.com
- > The Diploma: www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas

*Salary rates have been calculated using the average gross pay rates for full-time workers. Figures are for the United Kingdom. Averages can hide higher earnings. With training and career development, higher salaries can be achieved. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2008, O.N.S., © Crown Copyright.



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