Public Administration
A **PRIORITY SECTOR** in San Diego County

San Diego Workforce Partnership

What does a city do if there's a sudden disease outbreak? Who decides between building a new highway or adding a railroad? People in public administration are the ones who hold the answers through their research, analysis, leadership and public service. They listen to concerns, collaborate with others and respond to the community with a goal of improving people's lives.

114,878
People employed

7%
Proportion of San Diego County jobs within sector

150
Number of employers

How do I start my career?

Do some research
- Use Career Coach at **workforce.org/careercoach** to explore which occupations align with your interests, see a behind-the-scenes peek at what a career looks like and discover local employers.

Expand your network
- Use social media tools like LinkedIn to network with professionals. Request an informational interview to ask them about their career path, education and job responsibilities.
- Go to local council meetings to network with city professionals.

Get hands-on experience
- Visit SanDiego.gov to learn about internships, mentorships and job shadowing opportunities with the **City of San Diego**.
- Volunteer to be a poll worker on election days for San Diego County at sdvote.com.

Get training
- **Paralegal:** Get certified through UCSD Extension programs.
- **Firefighters:** Get training through Palomar College.
- Consider degree programs at the SDSU School of Public Affairs or one of our other 4-year universities.

💡 Many of the oldest institutions in the county are public sector. Jobs in the sector play a vital and influential roll in the success of all the other sectors.

Subsectors
- Local (city/county) government
- State government
- Federal government
- U.S. Postal Service

Yes, state and federal government agencies have local branches in San Diego!

Learn more at **workforce.org/mynextmove**

What can I do?
sample occupations

🎓🎓🎓🎓🎓 Doctoral degree   🎓🎓🎓🎓 Master's or professional degree   🎓🎓🎓 Bachelor's degree   🎓🎓 Associate degree or certificate   🎓 High school diploma or less

Educational levels are typical for each occupation, but various employers may have slightly higher or lower minimum requirements.

FOUND PRIMARILY IN THIS SECTOR

Occupation	Employed 2018[1]	Median hourly pay	Typical entry-level education
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	3,060	$43	🎓
Compliance Officers	2,136	$40	🎓🎓🎓
Urban and Regional Planners	500	$39	🎓🎓🎓🎓
Firefighters	2,881	$30	🎓
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	2,041	$26	🎓
★ Child, Family, and School Social Workers	1,006	$25	🎓🎓🎓
★ Court, Municipal, License Clerks, Information and Record Clerks	1,827	$24	🎓
★ Transportation Security Screeners	625	$20	🎓

[1] Number employed this industry group

★ Priority occupations are predicted to have high growth and a high number of annual job openings in San Diego County over the next five years

COMMON IN THIS AND OTHER SECTORS

Occupation	Employed 2018[1]	Median hourly pay	Typical entry-level education
★ Medical and Health Services Managers	328	$51	🎓🎓🎓
Lawyers	1,808	$46	🎓🎓🎓🎓🎓
★ Budget Analysts	289	$39	🎓🎓🎓
Construction and Building Inspectors	592	$35	🎓
★ Paralegals and Legal Assistants	415	$30	🎓🎓
Civil Engineering Technicians	362	$25	🎓🎓
Library Technicians	565	$20	🎓
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,480	$19	🎓
Maintenance and Repair Workers	1,257	$19	🎓

Where can I work?
sample employers

There are more than 30 cities in San Diego County! While there are a few examples below, each one of these local areas has a variety of departments and needs.

San Diego County Sheriff's Department ESTABLISHED: 1850	Provides quality public safety services in an effort to make San Diego the safest urban county in the nation by protecting and serving the community	**1,001−5,000** employees
City of San Diego Fire Department ESTABLISHED: 1889	Serving the community by providing the highest level of emergency/rescue services, hazard, prevention and safety education	**1,001−5,000**
United States Postal Service ESTABLISHED: 1971	Provides mail processing and delivery services to individuals and businesses in the U.S.	**1,001−5,000**
City of Chula Vista Parks and Rec ESTABLISHED: 1913	Enhances quality of life for Chula Vista residents by promoting health and wellness through multiple parks, recreation services, and natural resource preservation	**1−50**
California Employment Development Department ESTABLISHED: 1935	Provides a variety of services to help job seekers and businesses including the Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Paid Family Leave programs that provide financial stability to workers and their communities	**1−50**