

EARNINGS:

Salary depends upon education level, experience, the type of employer one works for, and the size and geographic location of the community where one works.

2000 Annual Earnings of Urban and Regional Planners

Median Annual Earnings	\$46,500
Middle 50%	Between \$36,510 and \$57,900
Lowest 10%	Less than \$29,890
Highest 10%	More than \$72,090



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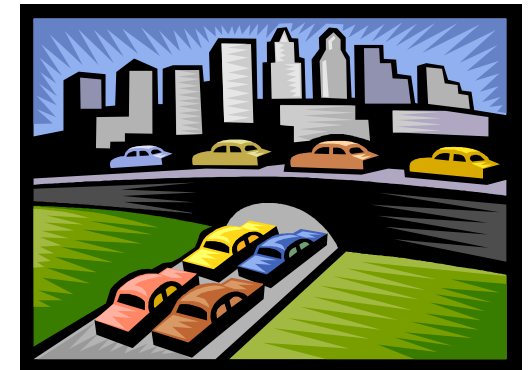
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Urban & Regional Planners



IS THIS A POSSIBLE CAREER FOR YOU?



QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED/ TRAINING/ EDUCATION:

- Employers prefer workers who have advanced training
- Bachelor's Degree in planning may be acceptable for entry level jobs, but one is limited with having just this degree
- A Master's Degree in urban and regional planning is usually required for advancement
- Courses in related disciplines such as architecture, law, earth sciences, demography, economics, finance, health administration, geographic information systems, and management are highly recommended.
- The American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), a professional institute within the American Planning Association (APA), grants certification to individuals who have the appropriate combination of education and professional experience and pass an examination.

NATURE OF WORK:

The job of a planner consists of making long and short-term land use plans for growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities, while considering such factors as social, economic, and environmental problems. Planners within the transportation sector can integrate current and future transportation needs into a community.

JOB OUTLOOK:

The employment rate of urban and regional planners is expected to rise on average through the year 2010. Employment will increase more slowly at the state and local government level, but rapidly increase in the private sector.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Employment as an urban or regional planner can be found all throughout the United States. Some openings are available at the local government level such as working for the chamber of commerce for smaller towns, or at the federal level working for agencies. Others include working in the private industry such working as a consultant.

