

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT URBAN PLANNING



1 Industry Definition

Urban planning deals with the planning and development of small and large urban and rural areas. Professionals who work in this field typically develop plans and recommend policies for planning and managing land use, physical facilities, and associated services for urban and rural areas. Areas of planning may include residential, social, environmental, transportation, law, and others.

Sample Job Titles and Median Salaries in Canada

- Urban Planner \$70,000*
- Landscape Architect \$59,000*
- Urban and Regional Planner \$71,465
- Urban Designer \$57,080
- Land Surveyor \$62,000*
- Data Analyst \$59,000*
- Transportation Planner \$65,000*
- Market Research Manager \$69,040
- Real Estate Development Mgr \$87,345
- Policy Analyst \$58,875
- * 5-10 years of experience

How to Get Ready

Knowledge and Skills Needed

- * A bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning, geography, architecture, engineering or a related discipline is required
- * A master's degree may be required by some employers
- * Membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners is usually required
- * Oral and written communication
- * Analytical and critical thinking
- * Data analysis
- * Measurement and calculation
- * Budgeting
- * Project management
- * Public speaking

Professional Associations

- Canadian Institute of Planners
www.cip-icu.ca
- Ontario Professional Planners Institute
www.ontarioplanners.ca
- Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada
www.psb-planningcanada.ca

Where the Jobs Are

- * Government
- * Land and economic development companies
- * School boards
- * Transport agencies
- * Engineering and other consulting companies
- * Private consultancy

Main industries of employment in Ontario are Public Administration (55%) and Professional Services (27%).

Employment Projections

The current (2017-2021) labour market conditions in Ontario for Urban and Land Use Planners are projected as Above Average, compared to Average in 2013-2017, meaning that, relative to the employment situation overall, there is a better likelihood of finding stable work in this occupation, and employment prospects are attractive or improving. Job openings and job seekers will be at relatively similar levels between 2015 and 2024. 7,900 new job seekers will be available to fill 8,100 new job openings.

“The best way to change future is to design it.”
Onur Mustak Cobanli

5 How the Career Centre Can Help

- Ask us about information interviews and networking at employer events to help you get additional information about the industry and build valuable connections
- Check out some of our career books and other resources, like the “Surveyor/Urban Planner” binder or “Great Jobs for Environmental Studies Majors” book
- Check the summer and part-time jobs on the Career Learning Network, apply for the Research Opportunity Program, or attend the Get Experience Fair or the Get Hired: Summer & Full-Time Job Fair