

Australian Jobs 2019 Occupation Matrix

What career options are growing/shrinking, and how to read it!

Purpose

The 'Australian Jobs 2019' Occupation Matrix shows really useful details about roughly 350 different professions available in the Australian Labour Market, but the document itself can be difficult to read & understand – full of numbers. But with a little help, you can make sense of it!

Examples & explanation (using the first 2 occupations listed)

Names of the professions. The meanings of the letters in brackets are explained below.	How many hundreds of thousands the profession has grown/shrunk since Nov 2013 (ie. 18,700 more Accountants).		Percentage working part-time in the profession (ie. 20% of Accountants work part-time).		The percentage of workers in the profession that are aged 15-24 (ie. 8% of Accountants are aged 15-24)		Median weekly earnings are before tax and are for full-time workers. Indicative only, on a \$ - \$\$\$\$ scale (see below).	Percentage change in employment expected to May 2023. Remember, small growth in large profession > high growth in small professions.		
2211 Accountants (P)	188.4	18.7	11.0	20	53	8	Below Average	\$\$\$\$	-	4.0
5511 Accounting Clerks (CA)	131.7	-7.4	-5.3	35	79	7	Below Average	\$\$\$	38	-1.1
Don't worry about these numbers.	How many hundreds of thousands are working in the profession (ie. 131,700 Accounting Clerks).		Percentage change in the profession since Nov. 2013 (ie. 5.3% drop in Accounting Clerks).		Percentage of female workers in the profession (ie. 79% of Accounting Clerks are female).		Unemployment rate for the profession compared to all professions (ie. There's a below average level of unemployment for Accounting Clerks).		Percentage of workers in the profession who have no post-school qualifications (ie. 38% of Accounting Clerks have no TAFE or uni qualifications).	

Meanings of codes

Letter codes next to names of professions:

Key	Occupation
M	Managers
P	Professionals
TT	Technicians and Trades Workers
CP	Community and Personal Service Workers
CA	Clerical and Administrative Workers
SW	Sales Workers
MO	Machinery Operator
L	Labourer

Median salaries:

Key	Median weekly earnings (before tax)
\$	Less than \$1,000
\$\$	\$1,001 - \$1,150
\$\$\$	\$1,151 - \$1,370
\$\$\$\$	\$1,371 - \$1,750
\$\$\$\$\$	More than \$1,750

Remember, **these median weekly earnings are indicative only** and **should not be used to determine what a worker will actually earn.**

Comments

- Employment and training decisions should be made after consideration of all relevant issues, including your own aptitude towards the profession, interests, expectations about pay and working conditions, training requirements and personal/professional goals. Use all resources available to you to help with this decision making, including talking to any of the Sirius College Career Development Department staff, and utilising the resources available on siriuscollegecareers.com
- More information about the 'Occupations' listed can be found in pages 24-31 of 'Australian Jobs 2019'. You can access this document from siriuscollegecareers.com: 'Post School Options' → 'Job Information' → 'Australian Jobs 2018 (PDF)'.