



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS (ANZSCO: 2343)

Environmental Scientists study, develop, implement and advise on policies and plans for managing and protecting the environment, flora, fauna and other natural resources.

Employment

Employment for this occupation remained relatively steady in the past five years and rose moderately in the long-term (ten years). Looking forward, employment for Environmental Scientists to November 2020 is expected to grow moderately.

Unemployment

Unemployment for Environmental Scientists is below average.

Job openings

Over the five years to November 2019, the number of job openings for Environmental Scientists is expected to be average (between 10,001 and 25,000). Job openings count both employment growth and turnover (defined as workers leaving their occupation for other employment or leaving the workforce).

Educational profile

The most common level of educational attainment for Environmental Scientists is Bachelor degree (56.0 per cent).

Gender

The female share of Environmental Scientists is 40.8 per cent and 84.2 per cent of Environmental Scientists work full time. Average weekly hours for full time workers are 38.7 (compared to 40.2 for all occupations).

Age profile

The main age group is 25-34 years (33.0 per cent) and the median age is 38 years (compared to 40 years for all occupations).

Earnings

In August 2014 (latest available data) weekly earnings full-time before tax (and not including employer superannuation) were \$1,519 (compared to earnings for all occupations of \$1,200).

Industries

Environmental Scientists are mainly employed in: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Public Administration and Safety; and Arts and Recreation Services.

