## Occupations

The NSW public sector employs people in a wide range of occupations.

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Full-time equivalent employees in key occupations, 2022 vs 2021



**School Teachers** 

69,830

70,270 in 2021



Clerical and Administrative Workers

48,701

47,406 in 2021



Nurses

51,880

51,441 in 2021



School Support Staff

26,261

25,802 in 2021



Police Officers

17,033

17.174 in 2021



**Medical Practitioners** 

13,674

13,190 in 2021



Social and Welfare Professionals

7,834

7,886 in 2021



Cleaners and Laundry Workers

5,151

5,220 in 2021



**Ambulance Officers** 

5,164

4,745 in 2021



Labourers

4,246

4,605 in 2021



**Prison Officers** 

3,967

4,297 in 2021



Firefighters

4,252

4,157 in 2021



**Bus Drivers** 

59

2,665 in 202



Train Drivers

2,217

2 074 in 2021



Food Preparation Assistants

1,983

1,988 in 2021

Source: Workforce Profile (2021, 2022), census period

Note: Teacher staffing allocations are predominantly driven by student enrolments. In 2022 the student enrolment in NSW Public Schools decreased, resulting in a corresponding decrease in teaching FTE. Student to staff ratios remain steady. The decline in Police Officers was due to a higher number of separations, including medical retirements, and lower number of commencements. While the FTE number of Prison Officers declined, the headcount increased. The decline in bus drivers is due to the movement of service delivery outside of the public sector.