

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

Develop comprehensive plans and programs for use of land and physical facilities of local jurisdictions, such as towns, cities, counties, and metropolitan areas. Planners develop long- and short-term plans to use land for the growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities, while helping local officials make decisions concerning social, economic, and environmental problems. In large organizations, planners usually specialize in a single area, such as transportation, demography, housing, historic preservation, urban design, environmental and regulatory issues, or economic development. In small organizations, planners do various kinds of planning. UNM offers a bachelor of arts in Environmental Planning and Design and a Master of Community and Regional Planning (*UNM CRP website*).

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Most entry-level jobs in Federal, State, and local government agencies require a master's degree from an accredited program in urban or regional planning or a master's degree in a related field, such as urban design or geography. Although graduates with a bachelor's degree may qualify for some entry-level positions, their advancement opportunities often are limited, unless they acquire an advanced degree.

EMPLOYERS/ INDUSTRIES:

Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

- Neighborhood Planner
 - Community Development Planner
 - Transportation Planner
 - City Planner
- Planning, and Zoning
 - Housing Development Specialist
 - Housing Grant Analyst
 - Planning Director
- Federal, State, Local Government
 - Planner

STATE AND NATIONAL WAGES (2006) for Urban and Regional Planners:

	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
New Mexico	26,400	30,800	42,800	52,600	67,000
United States	35,600	44,500	56,600	71,400	86,900

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
 American Planning Association
 Planetizen: The Planning and Development Network
 The American Institute of Architects
 Careers in Planning

<http://www.acsp.org>
<http://www.planning.org>
<http://www.planetizen.com>
<http://www.aia.org>
<http://www.unm.edu/~crp/careersinplanning.htm>

OTHER INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:



<http://online.onetcenter.org>



<http://www.bls.gov/oco>