

Journalists

Description

Journalists research, investigate, interpret and communicate news and public affairs through newspapers, television, radio and other media. They may specialize in print, broadcast or Webcast media, in issues such as political affairs or entertainment news, or in a particular geographic area. Journalists are employed by radio and television networks and stations, newspapers and magazines. Journalists may also work on a freelance basis.

Duties:

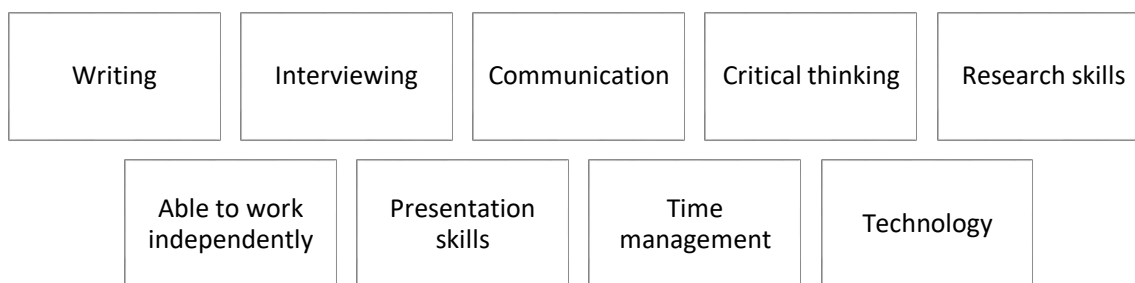
- Collect local, national and international news through interviews, investigation and observation
- Write news stories for publication and broadcast
- Receive, analyze and verify news and other copy for accuracy
- Arrange for and conduct interviews as part of research and for radio and television programs
- Research and report on developments in specialized fields such as medicine, science and technology
- Prepare regular feature columns and stories on specialized topics
- Write editorials and commentaries on topics of current interest to stimulate public interest and express the views of a publication or broadcasting station
- Write critical reviews of literary, musical and other artistic works based on knowledge, judgement and experience.

Other titles:

- investigative reporter
- reporter
- newspaper critic
- cyberjournalist
- correspondent
- news commentator
- book reviewer
- broadcast journalist
- columnist
- network reporter

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills



Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Most college/university programs in Ontario require an OSSD or Mature Student Status

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- A university degree or college diploma in journalism or a related field such as communications is usually required

Certification

- Not required

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as journalists are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POR)	Average Wages and Salaries (POR)	Median Wages and Salaries (POW)	Average Wages and Salaries (POW)
\$52,615	\$47,480	\$53,589	\$40,126

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
5111 – Newspaper, Periodical, Book and Director Publishers	135	145

(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Sector Report)