



Public Safety, Corrections & Security

ABOUT Jobs in Public Safety, Corrections & Security

If you are interested in a career in this sector, you have several options. One option is to guard the public by enforcing the law. Or you might provide fire protection, protection services, and security.

Examples:

Correction Services

Workers in the Correction Services pathway are responsible for people who have been arrested or who have been convicted of a crime. Your primary mission would be to protect the public and those around you. In addition, you might treat or educate the offenders. Or you might work to help people leave corrections and return to a life in the public. Most of these opportunities are in City/County Jails or within the State/Federal Prison system. Opportunities exist equally for both men and women.

Emergency & Fire Management Services

Every year, fires and other emergencies take lives and destroy property. Firefighters and emergency services workers help protect the public against these dangers. You might be the first emergency personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency. In the Emergency and Fire management Services pathway, you may be called upon to put out a fire, treat injuries, or perform other vital functions. Many of these opportunities require that you pass Civil Service examinations and obtain/maintain related certifications, ex CPR, EMT. Although most of these jobs are in the Public Sector, many more are showing up in the Private Sector.

Security & Protective Services

Employees in the Security and Protective Services pathway often work in public buildings, factories, warehouses, government buildings, and military bases. You might protect products, computers and machines, laboratories, or other employees. You check people and vehicles and walk through hallways, rooms, and buildings. Or you may watch camera monitors.

Law Enforcement Services

People depend on police officers and detectives to protect their lives and property. In the Law Enforcement Services pathway, you might have duties that range from controlling traffic to investigating crimes. You would maintain order; enforce laws; issue traffic tickets; and investigate accidents. In addition, you would present evidence in court; serve legal documents for the court system; and arrest and process offenders.

Public Safety, Corrections & Security STATS

Sample Jobs	Hourly Wage Ranges in our Area*			Projected Growth in our Area**	Annual Openings
	10%	Median	90%		
Security Guard	\$10.10	\$12.60	\$20.78	3.8%	HIGH
Corrections Officer	\$15.08	\$23.78	\$29.32	2.9%	FEW
Firefighter	\$13.02	\$25.85	\$37.46	2.9%	HIGH
Animal Control Worker	\$10.10	\$18.23	\$31.99	1.3%	VERY FEW
Police Patrol Officer	\$19.55	\$27.19	\$40.21	3.2%	VERY HIGH

*The wage range shows the wage distribution for 90 percent of the workers in the occupation between the 10th percentile and the 90th percentile. Wages may vary by employer, union wage scales, industry, and operator's education, skill level & experience.

**Employment and Outlook 2010-2020 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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General Labor Market Information & Research

Massachusetts Career Information System	Occupational and educational information to help people make better-informed career & school choices.	www.masscis.intocareers.org
O*NET OnLine	National database of occupational information for career exploration and job analysis.	www.onetonline.org
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Information and reports on labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy.	www.bls.gov
JobQuest	Massachusetts database for finding jobs, locating training courses & vendors, searching events and more.	www.mass.gov/jobquest
Department of Labor & Workforce Development	Labor market information specific to Massachusetts with links to Largest Employers and Employer Locator tool.	www.mass.gov/lmi
Workforce Central Career Center	Central MA connection to job services, programs, events, resources and more.	www.workforcecentralma.org

Resources specific to Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Industry Job Club	Search for and join the Workforce Central Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Industry Job Club	www.linkedin.com
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security	Links to Departments of Correction, State Police, Fire Services and Department of Public Safety	www.mass.gov/eopss
Commonwealth Employment Opportunities	Search for Massachusetts state jobs by agency or occupational group (Fire Protection or Police, Guard, Correctional)	www.mass.gov/ceo
Jobs.net	The starting point in a job search for security, law enforcement, and more	www.jobs.net Click on the All Jobs tab, then click on the link for the desired job category

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