

Protective Service Occupations

Fastest Growing Protective Service Occupations:

Occupations	Projected Job Growth Rate 2023-2033	Median Annual Wage
Forest fire inspectors and prevention specialists	16%	\$54,080
Lifeguards, ski patrol, and other recreational protective service workers	7%	30,380
Private detectives and investigators	5%	49,540
Animal control workers	5%	43,170
Crossing guards and flaggers	5%	36,370
Fire inspectors and investigators	5%	74,160

Most New Jobs Among Protective Service Occupations:

Occupations	Projected Job Growth 2023-2033	Median Annual Wage
Security guards	26,600	\$37,070
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	26,400	72,280
Firefighters	13,700	57,120
Lifeguards, ski patrol, and other recreational protective service workers	8,800	30,380
First-line supervisors of firefighting and prevention workers	5,500	101,750
Crossing guards and flaggers	4,200	36,370

Additional Protective Service Occupations:

Occupations	Typical Entry-Level Education	Median Annual Wage
Fish and game wardens	Bachelor’s degree	\$60,380
Detectives and criminal investigators	High school diploma or equivalent	91,100
School bus monitors	High school diploma or equivalent	33,130
Correctional officers and jailers	High school diploma or equivalent	53,300
Transportation security screeners	High school diploma or equivalent	50,020
Parking enforcement workers	High school diploma or equivalent	46,840
Gambling surveillance officers and gambling investigators	High school diploma or equivalent	39,210
Transit and railroad police	High school diploma or equivalent	72,250
Bailiffs	High school diploma or equivalent	53,040

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program.