

FAST FACTS

AVERAGE WAGE IS
\$63,016
 FOR JUSTICE, ORDER AND
 PUBLIC SAFETY OCCUPATIONS

SOURCE: JOBS EQ 2020

THERE ARE NEARLY
31,845 INDIVIDUALS
 EMPLOYED IN RELATED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
 OCCUPATIONS IN THE REGION.

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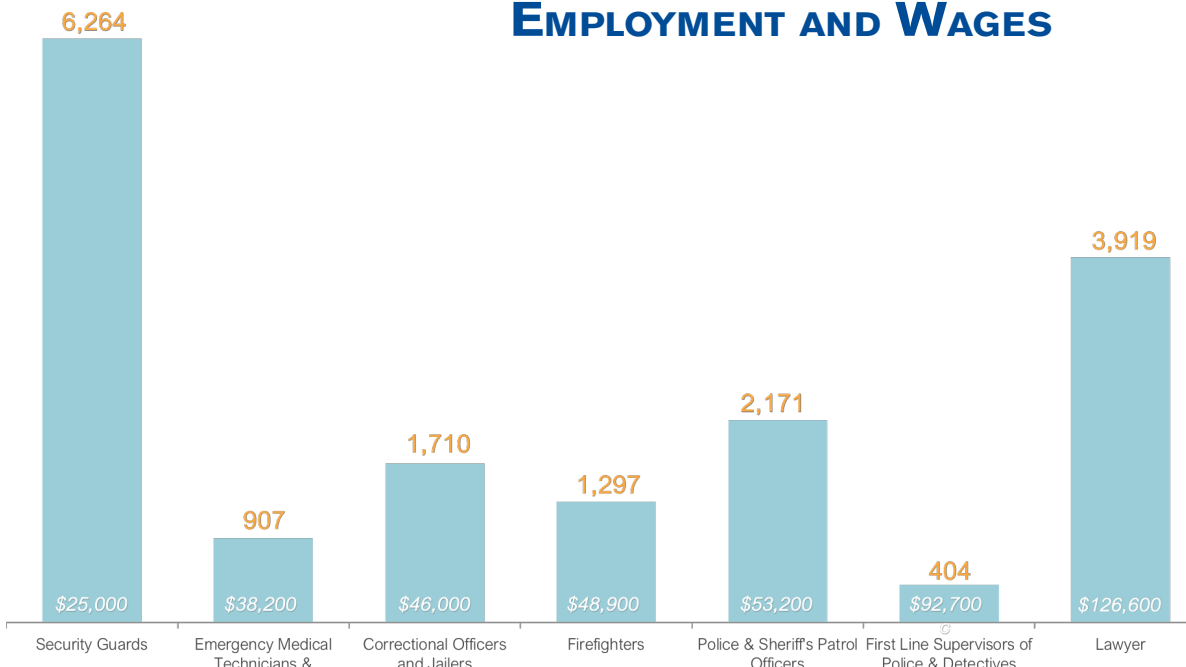
If you're interested in making a positive impact in your community, a **public service career** is a viable option. These careers range from work in a set office environment to hands-on work in a variety of environments. Many times, these roles come with visibility in your community and all come with accountability to the public.

Some believe that a career in public service is exclusive to government work or positions that have limited pay. However, you'll see from the Career Pathway chart on pages 2 and 3 of this report that there are a multiple of ways to serve the public while still reaching personal financial goals and career satisfaction.

A significant aspect of public service involves working in public safety. **Public safety** provides a proactive as well as reactive approach to protecting individuals as part of local, state, and national jurisdictions. Jobs in this sector are typically extensions of government entities who are tasked with keeping the public safe from harm, which could include anything from widespread disasters to individual crimes. According to Wikipedia, "**public safety organizations include law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services.**"

A multitude of jobs exist in this sector, from those trying to prevent crimes from happening to those involved in responding to the consequences of those actions. Occupations in this field include **police officers, EMS personnel, probation officers, and lawyers** for example. Some positions may be funded through government specific grants to address specific local crime issues, while others are obtained through public election.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES



SOURCE: JOBS EQ

Many choose positions in public safety because they have a strong interest in and commitment to keeping people safe. The way in which people are kept safe has evolved over time. Rather than appearing strictly punitive, those in public safety may be spearheading **neighborhood walks, crime watches, and neighborhood engagement teams.** Public safety is more often viewed as a community endeavor facilitated by those in positions of authority.

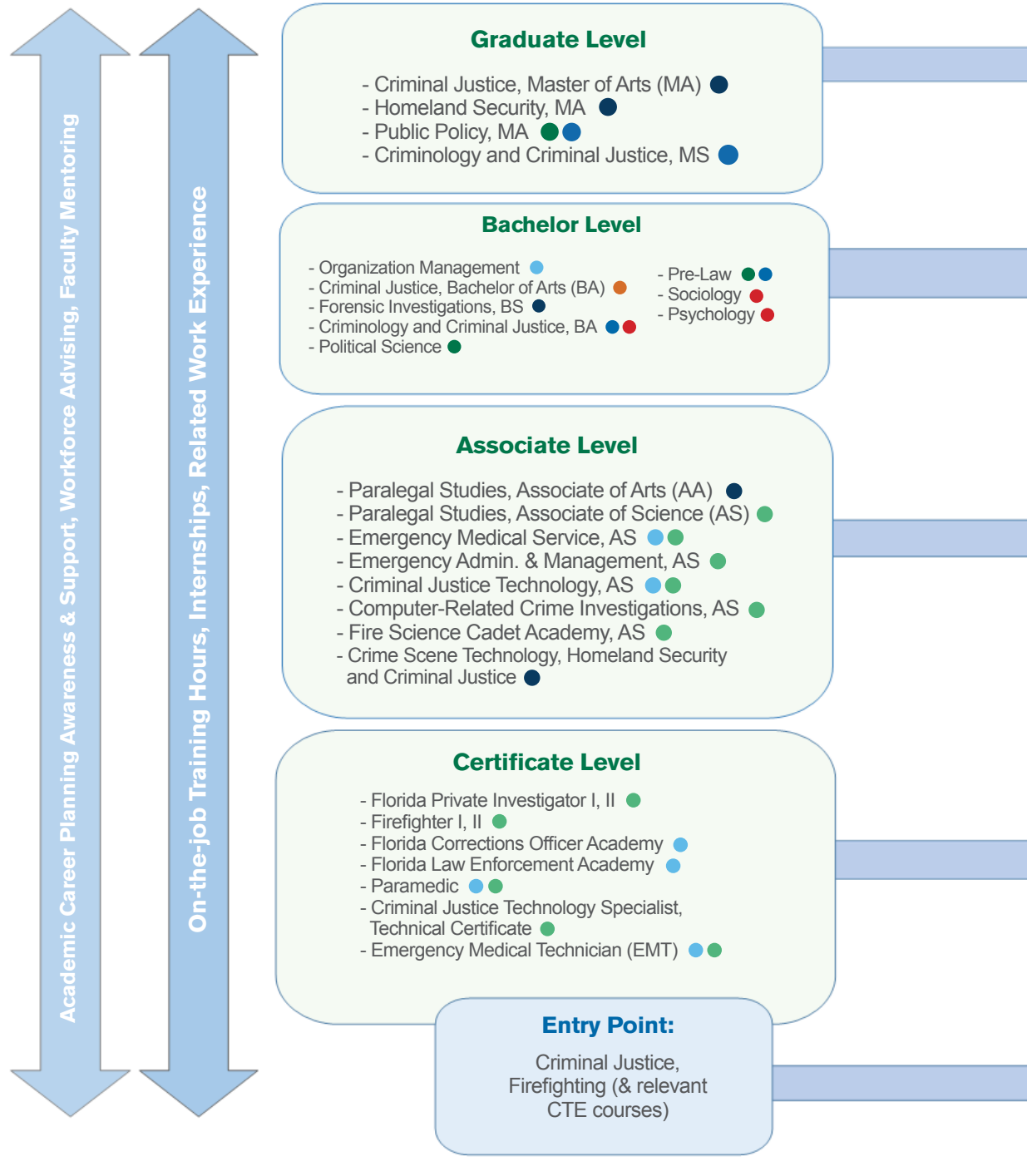


TALENT PIPELINE



7 regional colleges & universities offering degree or certificate programs with **Public Service** (or related) concentrations

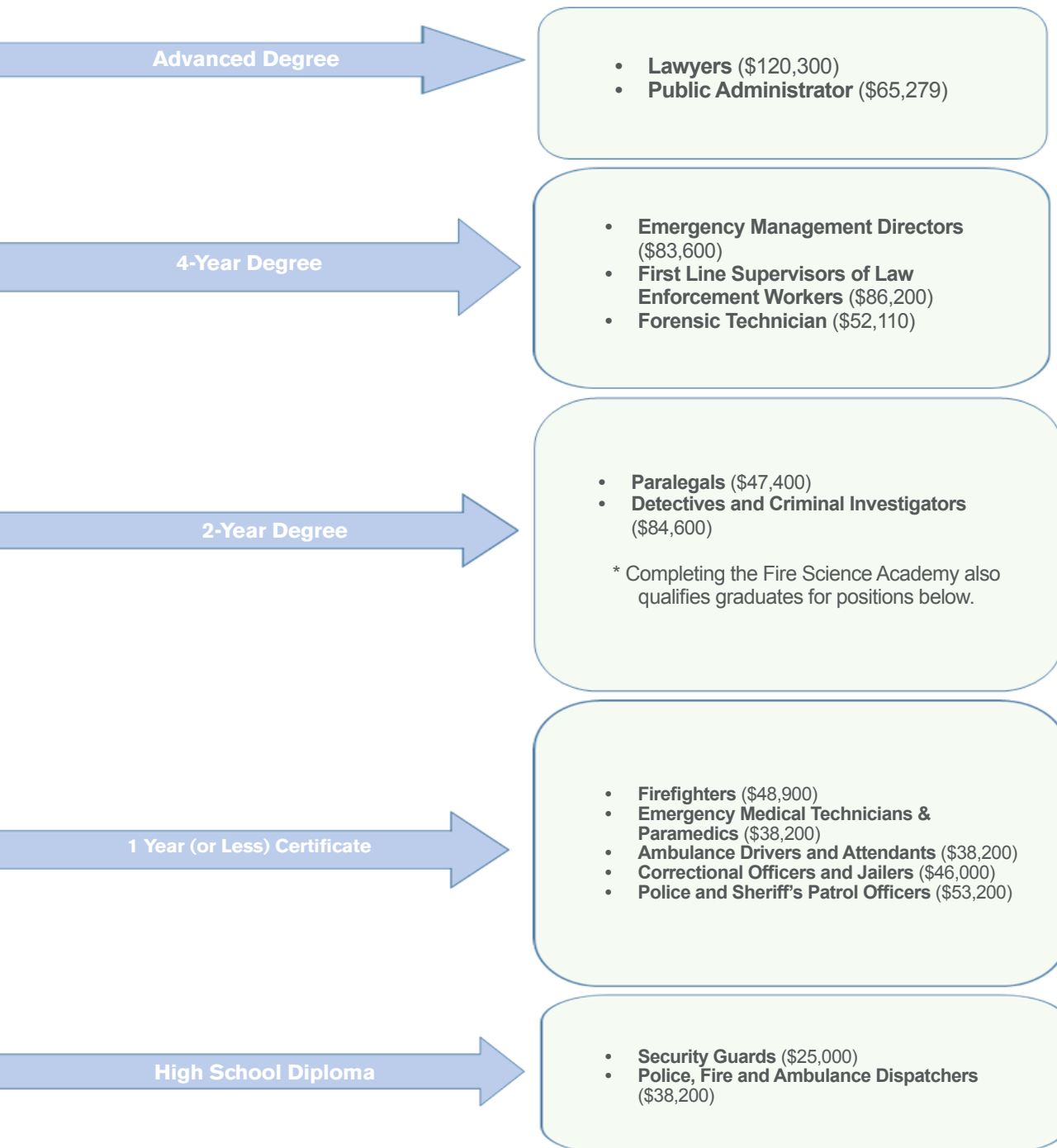
- Edward Waters College
- Flagler College
- Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Jacksonville University
- Keiser University
- St. Johns River State College
- University of North Florida



Public Safety occupations in our region have **outpaced national growth** in the last 5-10 years per JobsEQ.

The **nearly 3,000 military veterans** who make the region home post-service are readily equipped for these jobs.

PUBLIC SERVICE PATHWAY <<



Data provided by JOBSEQ 2020, ONET.org, BLS.gov, EMSI and salary.com
All salaries shown represent average annual wages.
This represents a sampling of programs currently being offered. Curriculum is subject to change.

»» REGIONAL EMPLOYERS- PUBLIC SAFETY

City & County Police Departments

EMT and Paramedic Services

Fire and Rescue Departments

Healthcare Providers

Legal Services

Public Administration Offices

State Fish and Wildlife Division

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES <<

To enter into a Public Service profession, you are encouraged to seek funding resources, such as the following:

Detective David White Memorial Scholarship

www.claysheriff.com/departments/scholarships-college-education-opportunities

Deputy Ben Zirbel Scholarship

www.sjrstate.edu/press2018/Zirbel_Scholarship.html

Josh Blyler Scholarship

www.sjrstate.edu/fdscholarshipslist.html

University of North Florida Pre-Law Scholarship

www.unf.edu/coas/scholarships/Pre-Law.aspx

This list is not comprehensive but is designed to assist you in research. A wide variety of general scholarships are available at our state colleges and university systems. For more information, be sure to check out the financial aid page on the website of the institution of your choice.

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