

Making a positive impact

If you're interested in making a positive impact in your community, a **public service career** is a viable option. **These careers offer work in a variety of environments from back office to forward-facing.** Many times, these roles come with visibility in your community. All come with public accountability.

Some believe a career in public service is exclusive to government work or positions that have limited pay. But, you'll see from the Career Pathway chart on this report that there are a multiple of ways to serve the public while 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, including anything from widespread disasters to individual crimes. According to Wikipedia, **"public safety organizations include law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services."**

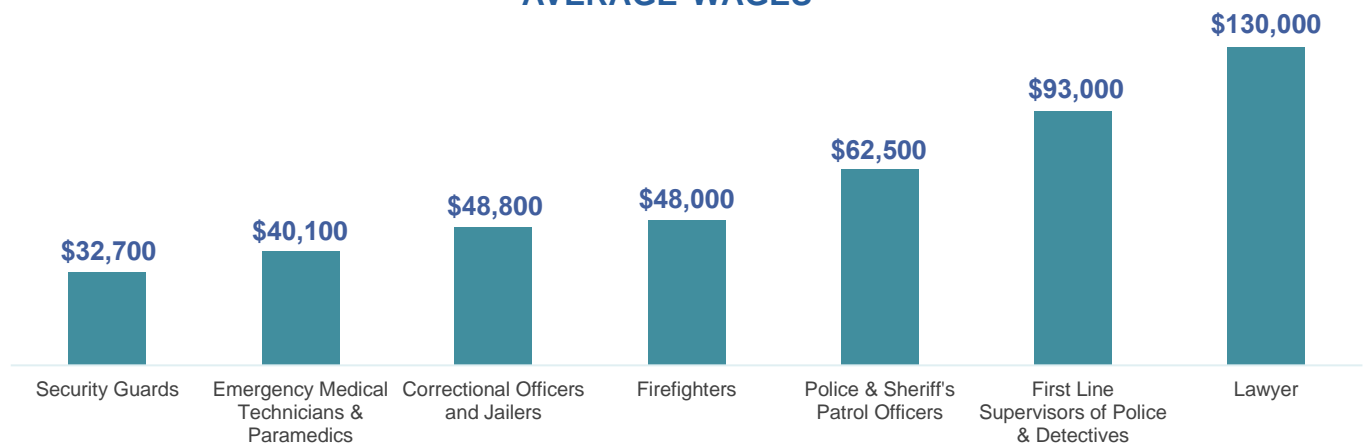
A multitude of jobs exist in this sector, from crime prevention to response and aid. Occupations in this field **include police officers, EMS personnel, probation officers, and lawyers**, for example. Some positions may be funded through government specific grants to address specific local crime issues, while others are obtained through public election.

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| FAST FACTS | NEARLY 32,000 EMPLOYED IN THE SECTOR IN THE REGION |
| | \$65,982 AVERAGE WAGE FOR JUSTICE, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY OCCUPATIONS |

TOP INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS (2023)

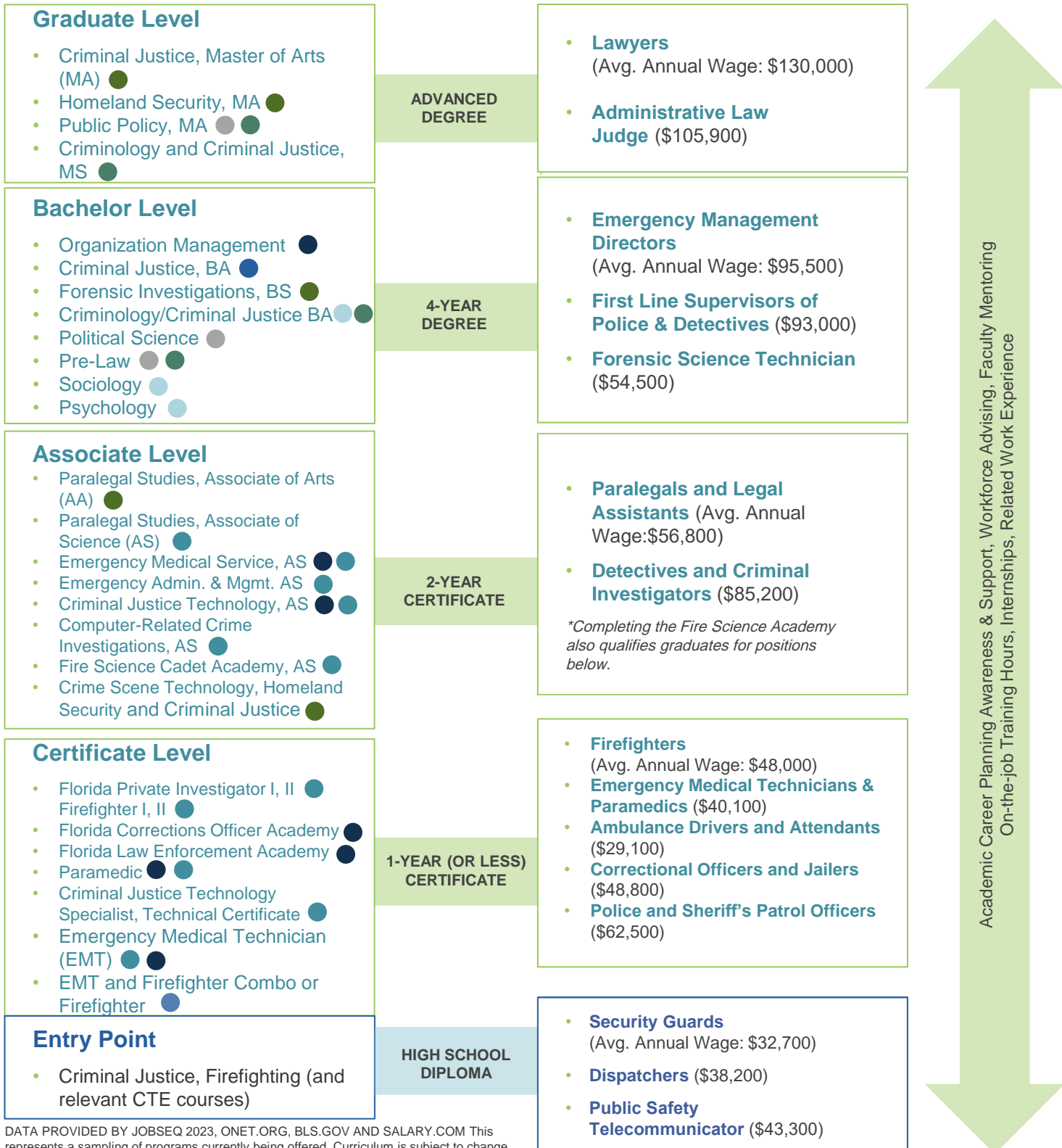
| Company | Number of Employees |
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| Jacksonville Sheriff's Office | 3,500 |
| City of Jacksonville | 2,575 |
| St. Johns County Sheriff's Office | 785 |
| Baker Correctional Institution Officer's and Ancillary Staff | 750 |
| Clay County Sherriff's Office | 640 |

AVERAGE WAGES



Public Service Pathway

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| TALENT PIPELINE | 3,000 Military vets readily equipped for these jobs entering the region each year. | 8 Regional colleges & degree or certificate programs with Public Service (or related) concentrations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edward Waters University ● Florida State College at Jacksonville ● Jacksonville University ● Keiser University ● St. Johns River State College ● University of North Florida ● Flagler College ● First Coast Technical College |
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Regional Job Opportunities in Public Service

Correctional Officers
Detectives & Investigators
Parole Officers
Project Management Specialist
Compliance Officers
File Clerks

Lawyers
Firefighters
Bailiff
Court, Municipal & License Clerks
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants
Bookkeeper
Residential Advisors

Paramedic
Social & Community Service Managers

Paralegals
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers
Social Service Specialists
First Line Supervisors of Support Workers
Emergency Medical Technician

Title Examiners

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