

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.](#)"

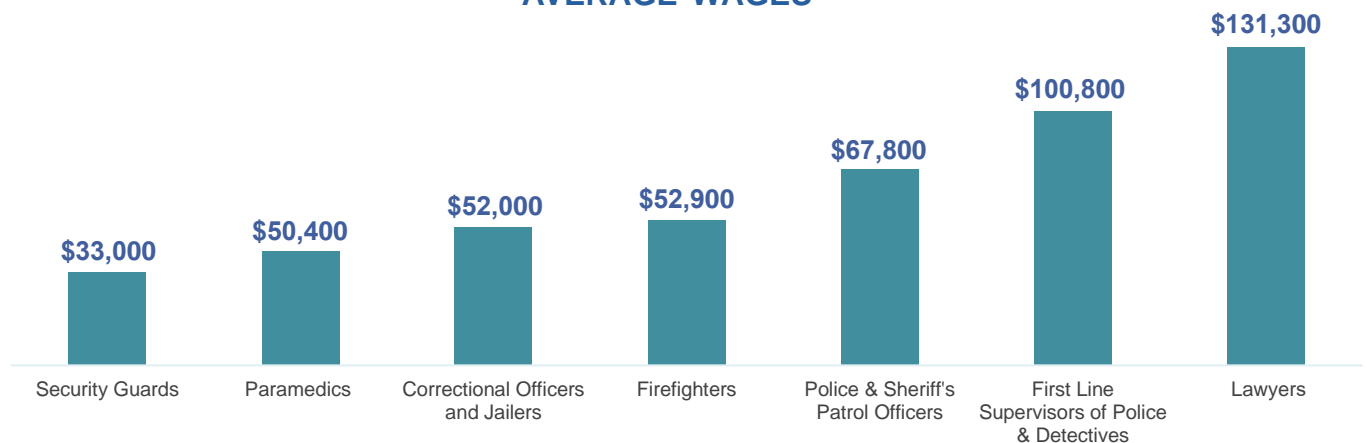
A multitude of jobs exist in this sector, from crime prevention to response and aid. Occupations in this field include [police officers](#), [EMS personnel](#), [probation officers](#), and [lawyers](#), for example. Some positions may be funded through government specific grants to address specific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

FAST FACTS	NEARLY 32,000 EMPLOYED IN THE SECTOR IN THE REGION
	\$67,668 AVERAGE WAGE FOR JUSTICE, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY OCCUPATIONS

TOP INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS (2023)

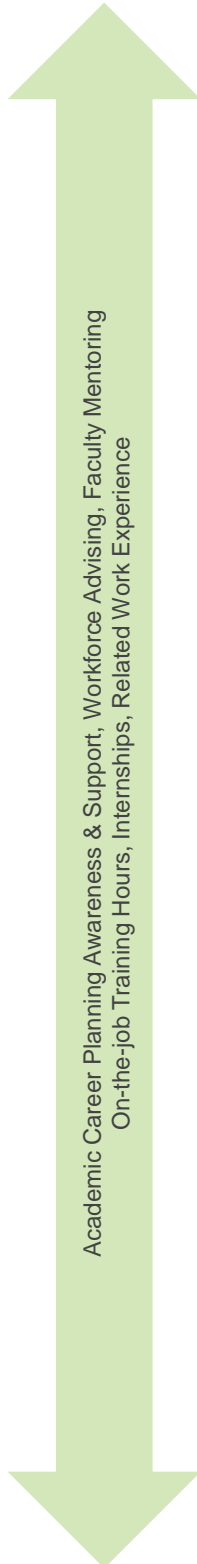
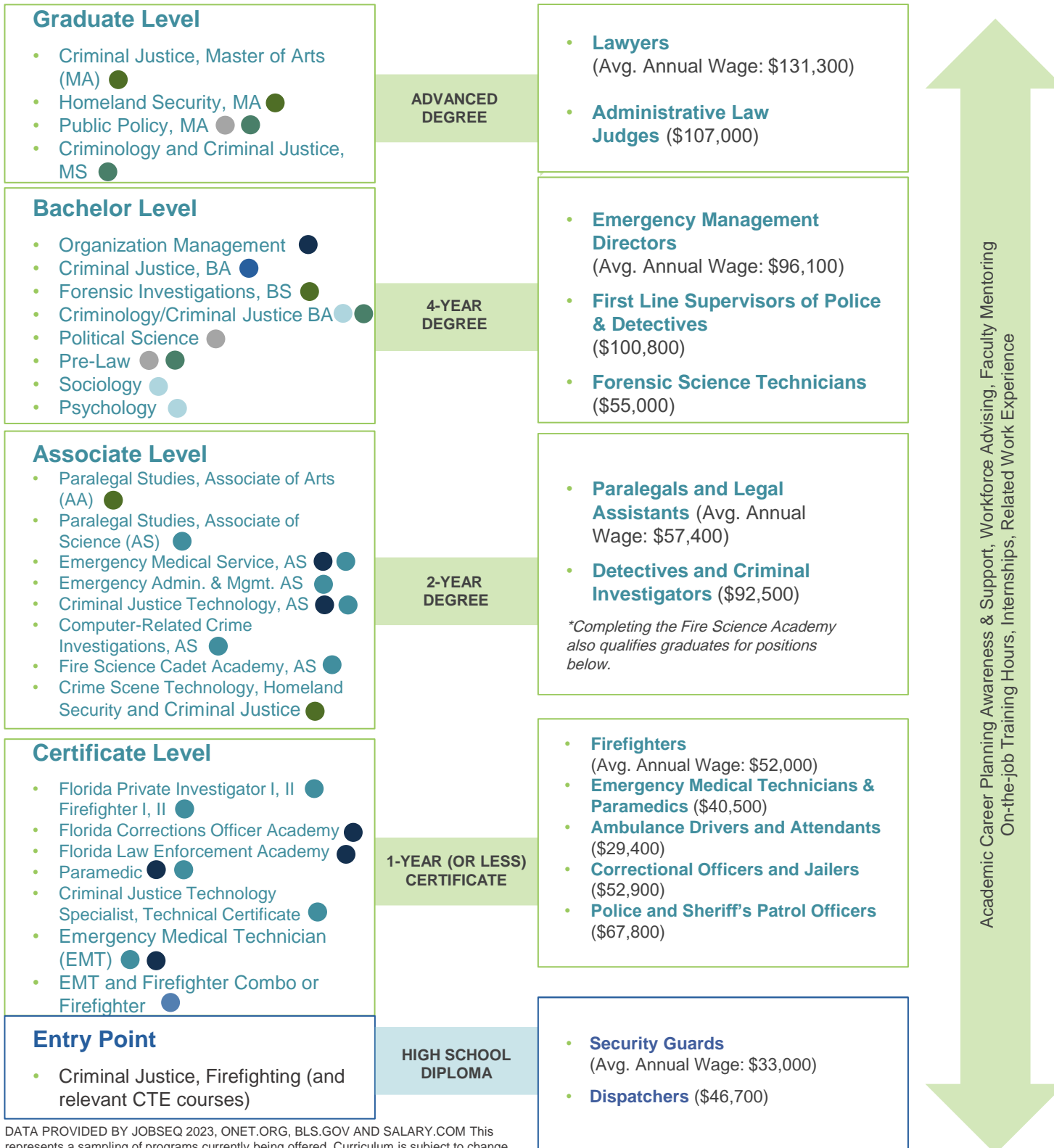
Company	Number of Employees
City of Jacksonville	7,260
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office	3,300
St. Johns County Sheriff's Office	730
Clay County Sherrif's Office	550
Baker Correctional Institution	330

AVERAGE WAGES



Public Service Pathway

TALENT PIPELINE	3,000 Military vets readily equipped for these jobs entering the region each year.	12 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

Court, Municipal & License Clerks

Lawyers

Firefighters

First Line Supervisors of Support Workers

Secretaries & Administrative Assistants

File Clerks

Bookkeeper

Paramedic

Social & Community Service Managers

Paralegals

Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers

Residential Advisors

Emergency Medical Technician

Social Service Specialists

Title Examiners

Bailiff

Public Service is a community endeavor

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.



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