



CAREER PATH

# Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

CAREER PATHWAY

Law Enforcement Services



## POLICE AND PATROL OFFICER

Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and protect life and property in an assigned patrol district. Perform combination of following duties: patrol a specific area on foot or in a vehicle; direct traffic; issue traffic summonses; investigate accidents; apprehend and arrest suspects, or serve legal processes of courts.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a police or patrol officer are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

*(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)*

### Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	15.5%	51.7%	32.8%
Law enforcement workers	26.4%	41.4%	32.2%
Protective service	29.3%	44.1%	26.6%

Most Common Educational Level: Long-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$17.96	\$23.86	\$30.11
	Yearly	\$37,400	\$49,600	\$62,600
Missouri	Hourly	\$12.90	\$17.57	\$22.83
	Yearly	\$26,800	\$36,500	\$47,500

Based on (\*) lower 25% and (\*\*) upper 25% percentile of wages

### National and State Employment Trends

Police and Patrol Officer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	648,400	718,500	+ 11 %	24,340
Missouri	12,870	14,940	+ 16 %	540

\*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

### Educational Opportunities

*Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

#### College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO  
(417) 334-6411  
[www.cofo.edu](http://www.cofo.edu)

#### Crowder College

Neosho, MO  
(417) 451-3223  
[www.crowder.edu](http://www.crowder.edu)

#### Drury University

Springfield, MO  
(417) 873-7879  
[www.drury.edu](http://www.drury.edu)

#### East Central College

Union, MO  
(636) 583-5193  
[www.eastcentral.edu](http://www.eastcentral.edu)

#### High Tech Institute

Kansas City, MO  
(816) 444-4300  
[www.hightechinstitute.edu](http://www.hightechinstitute.edu)

#### Jefferson College

Hillsboro, MO  
(636) 797-3000  
[www.jeffco.edu](http://www.jeffco.edu)

#### Metropolitan Community College - Blue River

Blue Springs, MO  
(816) 220-6500  
[www.mcckc.edu](http://www.mcckc.edu)

#### Metropolitan Community College - Longview

Lee's Summit, MO  
(816) 672-2000  
[www.mcckc.edu](http://www.mcckc.edu)

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**Metropolitan Community College  
- Maple Woods**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 437-3000  
[www.mcckc.edu](http://www.mcckc.edu)

**Mineral Area College**  
Park Hills, MO  
(573) 431-4593  
[www.mineralarea.edu](http://www.mineralarea.edu)

**Missouri Southern State University**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 625-9300  
[www.mssu.edu](http://www.mssu.edu)

**Missouri State University - West  
Plains**  
West Plains, MO  
(417) 255-7255  
[www.wp.missouristate.edu](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu)

**Missouri Western State University**  
Saint Joseph, MO  
(816) 271-4200  
[www.missouriwestern.edu](http://www.missouriwestern.edu)

**Moberly Area Community College**  
Moberly, MO  
(660) 263-4110  
[www.macc.edu](http://www.macc.edu)

**North Central Missouri College**  
Trenton, MO  
(660) 359-3948  
[www.ncmissouri.edu](http://www.ncmissouri.edu)

**Saint Louis Community College  
- Florissant Valley**  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 513-4200  
[www.stlcc.edu/fv](http://www.stlcc.edu/fv)

**Saint Louis Community College  
- Forest Park**  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 644-9100  
[www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/fp](http://www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/fp)

**Saint Louis Community College  
- Meramec**  
Kirkwood, MO  
(314) 984-7500  
[www.stlcc.edu](http://www.stlcc.edu)

**St. Charles Community College**  
St. Peters, MO  
(636) 922-8000  
[www.stchas.edu](http://www.stchas.edu)

**State Fair Community College**  
Sedalia, MO  
(660) 530-5800  
[www.sfccmo.edu](http://www.sfccmo.edu)

**Three Rivers Community College**  
Poplar Bluff, MO  
(877) 879-8722  
[www.trcc.edu](http://www.trcc.edu)



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