



CAREER PATH

# Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

CAREER PATHWAY

Security & Protective Services



## SECURITY GUARD

Guard, patrol, or monitor premises to prevent theft, violence, or infractions of rules.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a security guard 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
Security guards	45.9%	41.6%	12.5%
Other protective service workers	39.8%	37.8%	22.4%
Protective service	29.3%	44.1%	26.6%

Most Common Educational Level: Short-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.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$8.47	\$10.35	\$13.19
	Yearly	\$17,600	\$21,500	\$27,400
Missouri	Hourly	\$8.53	\$10.52	\$13.37
	Yearly	\$17,700	\$21,900	\$27,800

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Security Guard	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	1,040,300	1,215,800	+ 17 %	38,660
Missouri	19,040	20,070	+ 5 %	520

\*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)*

(No schools listed)



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