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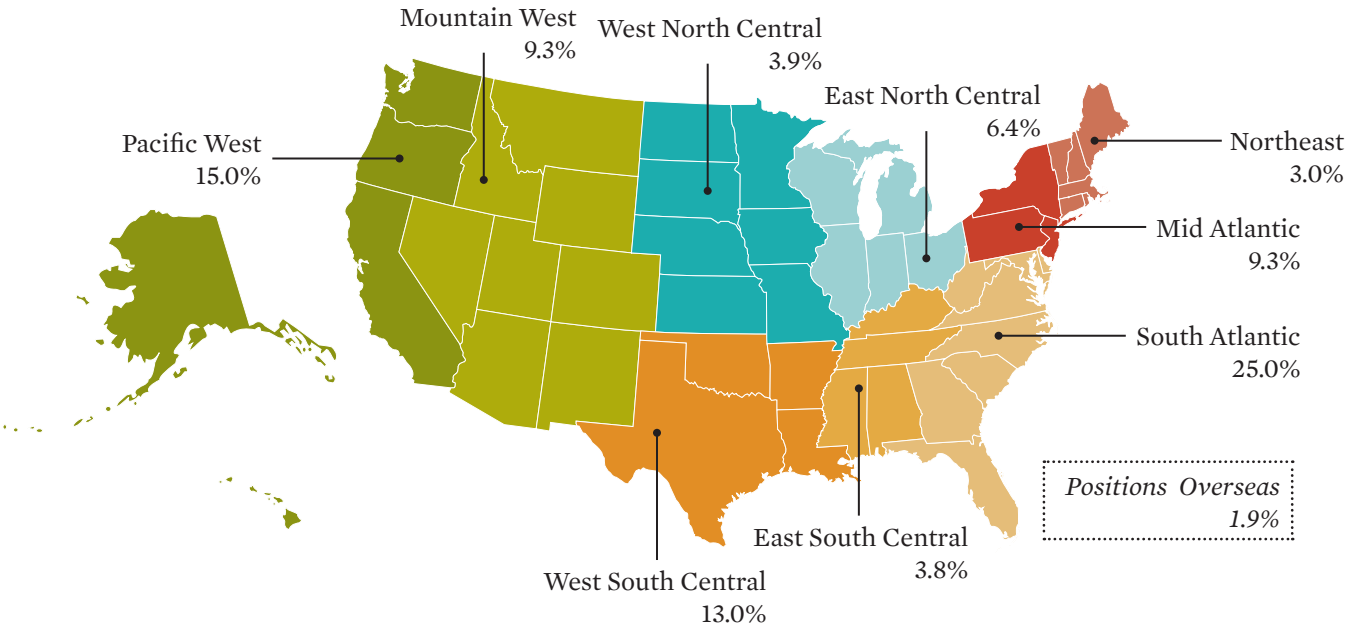
Security and Protection

FEDERAL CAREER GUIDE

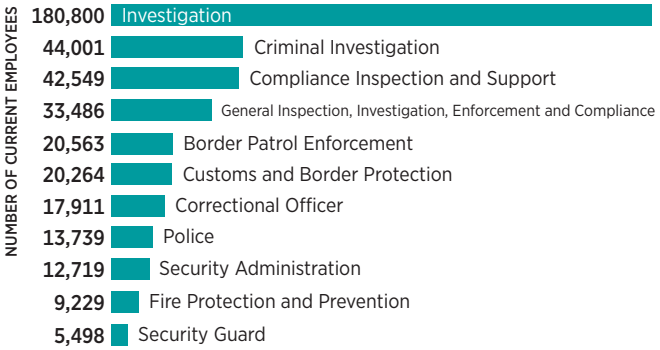
Are you interested in pursuing a job in a security or protection field? The federal government offers a variety of opportunities for individuals with knowledge and skills in investigation, compliance, security, customs and more. For example, economists monitor consumer financial markets to ensure compliance with federal laws at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, criminal investigators ensure our borders are secure at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and safety compliance specialists ensure federal aviation regulations are met at the Department of the Interior.

This guide will give you a glimpse of the type of security and protection jobs available in the government. For more information about searching and applying for positions in the federal government, visit **gogovernment.org**

Security and Protection Positions by Region



Top Security and Protection Fields



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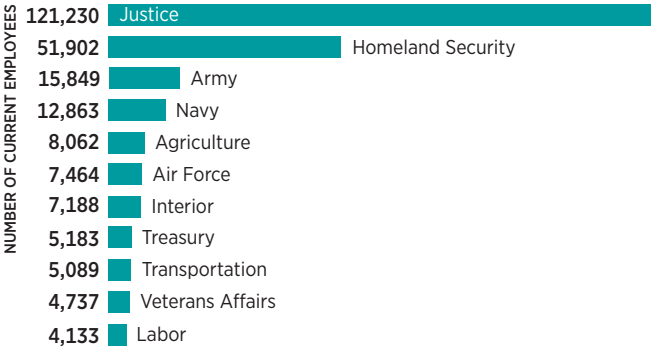
Top Agencies with Employees in Security and Protection



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SEARCH FOR SECURITY AND PROTECTION POSITIONS

With so many opportunities to use your security and protection skills, it may be helpful to sort positions by **job category**. The most common categories are listed below. You can search **USAJOBS.gov** using these keywords or by using the job series code, a four-digit number corresponding to a government job category.

Job Categories

1801 General Inspection, Investigation and Enforcement
1802 Compliance Investigation and Support
1810 General Investigator
1811 Criminal Investigator
1822 Mine Safety Inspector
1825 Aviation Safety Inspector
1831 Securities Compliance Examining
1849 Wage and Hour Investigation
1863 Food Inspection
0007 Correctional Officer
0080 Security Administration
0083 Police Officer
0085 Security Guard

Search Tips

As the nation's largest employer, the federal government has thousands of positions open at any one time. Here are our top tips for finding the right job announcements for you:

1. **Do Your Research.**
   Explore a variety of positions and agencies, then focus your search to a few that align best with your interests and skills.
2. **Visit Agency Websites.**
   Learn more about an agency's mission, structure and current hiring on their website.
3. **Create an account on USAJOBS.gov**
   Save your job searches, build your resume and search for positions at **USAJOBS.gov**

Did You Know?

- At least 34 percent of federal employees in a security and protection field are under the age of 40.
- More than 37 percent of employees in security and protection earn $80,000 or more per year.

Examples of Job Positions

Transportation Security Officer (1802)
Department: Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Transportation Security Administration
Salary Range: $29,000–$43,000/year
Location: Multiple

As a security officer, you will:
- Operate screening equipment to identify dangerous objects
- Perform searches, to include hand-wand and pat-down searches
- Control terminal entry and exit points

Criminal Investigator (1811)
Department: Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Salary Range: $84,000-$110,000/year
Location: Ottawa, Canada

As a criminal investigator, you will:
- Represent ICE in negotiations with foreign representatives on high-level issues
- Supervise ICE Criminal Investigators
- Manage operational, financial and administrative facets of the office
- Plan, organize and coordinate ICE activities throughout the foreign area of responsibility

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