CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN SECURITY

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SECURITY SPECIALTY AREAS	DESCRIPTION/EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	ENTRY LEVEL SALARY (NATL.)
Banking & Financial	Work in banks, mortgage & stock brokerage companies. Deal with credit/debit card theft, fraud, internet banking, plus physical building security.	Degree in business, finance, criminal justice, plus 3-5 yrs. in law enforcement or security	$35,00 - $65,000
Commercial Real Estate	Residential buildings, shopping malls, high-rise office buildings. Focus on personnel & asset protection. Work with electronic security systems.	Degree in security or criminal justice	$40,000 - $50,000
Cultural Properties	Museums, aquariums, zoos, historic sites, libraries, etc.	Associate or bachelor's degree in security or humanities.	$20,000 - $40,000
Educational Institutions	Schools, Colleges & Universities. On and off-campus security- mainly dealing with violence and drug-related issues.	High School diploma & Professional Certification are desired. (Can start with part-time employment with a campus security dept.)	$40,000 - $50,000
Gaming/Wagering	Casinos	High School diploma and 1 yr. experience in law enforcement or security. May need EMT training and license to carry a firearm.	$16,500 - $31,200
Government/Industrial	Safeguard classified government information released to contractors, licensees.	Academic degree & 3-5 yrs. exp. In the government or industrial security field with successful application of security regulations. Professional Security certification	$55,000 - $75,000
Healthcare	Hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and nursing homes. Aimed at patient protection &	2 yrs. security experience, customer service, business	$30,000 - $50,000

	service.	management are desired. Management position requires bachelor's degree in security or related field.	
Information systems	Safeguarding hardware, software applications & business processes. Ensure users comply with security policies. Disaster recovery. Work with computer & network security, firewalls, anti-virus, & intrusion detection/prevention.	Bachelor's degree in computer science, 4 yrs. experience in systems security. Certifications can include CPP, CISSP and/or SANS GIAC. Additional vendor certifications are helpful.	$40,000 - $80,000
Investigations	Public & Private Sector. Doing background investigations, investigate theft, employee misconduct, computer system abuse, sabotage, threats, financial mismanagement as well as private investigations.	2-4 yr. degrees in criminal justice, criminology. Experience in police or security investigations	$35,000 - $55,000
Lodging & Hospitality	Hotel security – to protect guests and assets.	Security management certificate or bachelor's degree.	$35,000 - $50,000 (depends upon size of the property)
Manufacturing	Responsible for security of supplies, materials & products – mainly against loss or theft.	2 yrs. general security experience. Protection officer certification	$30,000 - $50,000
Retail Loss	Department Store detectives. Deal with shoplifters, safety auditing, theft by employees.	High School diploma, Security certification. May require undergraduate degree and/or 3-5 yrs. security experience.	$25,000 - $38,000
Security Engineering & Design	Security consultants to engineers/architectural firms – to help design secure buildings.	Bachelor's degree in architecture or engineering with some specialty-specific training.	$30,000 - $60,000
Security Sales, Equipment & Services	Sales positions for security-related products & services (alarm systems, barriers, closed circuit TV, biological detection equipment, risk management software, etc.). Includes residential security.	Broad-based education & experience in such areas as accounting, industrial engineering, marketing, communications, human resources, etc.)	Sales based – depending on type of services or equipment sold.

Transportation	Airlines/Airports (TSA), Ports, Railroads, Trucking Companies. Multiple levels of security ranging from passenger and cargo security, to terrorism, homeland security issues, sabotage, etc.	Security Certificate plus additional specialized training depending upon level of security needed. Knowledge of security systems & intrusion detection systems is helpful.	$30,000 - $50,000
Utility & Nuclear	Security for gas, water, electric & nuclear power plants. Transmission systems and protection of people and property. Disaster & emergency response, terrorism, civil disturbance, war, etc.	Prefer an associate degree in security & 5 yrs, security or law enforcement experience. Security Certification.	$50,000 - $70,000
Other Security Career Opportunities: Agricultural, construction, personal security, crisis management, pharmaceutical security, special event security, telecommunications security.			