

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNMENT

Imperial County



DID YOU KNOW?

Although 100% recession-proof jobs and industries do not exist, public safety and health fields take less of a hit during a recession because their services are always in demand. Public safety and health fields will always be a priority for Cities, State Governments, Federal Law Enforcement agencies and communities in general.



9% (1,724)

5-year projected job growth



\$94,289

average earnings per job



Sample of Local Employers

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Imperial Code Enforcement Department

Imperial County Health Department

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office

Imperial County Workforce Development Board

Naval Air Facility El Centro

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

ESSENTIAL SKILLS:

- Working with the public
- Critical thinking
- Helping people
- Resolving conflicts
- Networking
- Active listening
- Speaking, writing skills
- Working with others
- Leadership skills
- Investigation skills
- Management skills
- Customer service
- Interest in protecting public safety

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Police Officers
- Sheriff's Patrol Officers
- Firefighters
- Politicians



CAREER PATHWAYS & SALARY INFO

Minimum Education	Career Pathways	Hourly Rate (Salary)*
HS Diploma + Postsecondary Training (e.g., Certificate)	School Bus Monitors	\$15 (\$31K)
	Library Assistants, Clerical	\$16 (\$33K)
	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	\$17 (\$35K)
	Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$19 (\$40K)
	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$28 (\$58K)
	Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$42 (\$87K)
	First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	\$51 (\$106K)
Associate Degree or Higher	Interpreters and Translators	\$20 (\$42K)
	Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$30 (\$62K)

**Entry-level hourly rates have been rounded up and salaries are provided as examples of what workers would make if they worked full-time (2080 hours a year)*

NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?

Take the Interest Profiler on the California Career Zone (<https://www.cacareerzone.org/>)! It will help you explore goals based on your interests. A career counselor at your school can help you further assess your career interests.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS

- Talk to your teachers and counselors about career exploration, career pathways at your school, and community college career education programs.
- Talk to family, neighbors, and mentors about their education path and about how they chose their career.
- To learn more about the career education programs offered at the community colleges or to find the programs that align to the high school CTE pathways or adult schools, visit <https://careered.org/k14-program-finder/>.



Visit [CareerEd.org](https://careered.org) to find community college programs in Public Safety & Government.