

Correctional Officer / Jailer

PANHANDLE

Average Wage
\$14.35

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
25

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
1,050	1,100

TEXAS

Average Wage
\$14.47

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
1,530

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
44,550	50,600

UNITED STATES

*Employment in
2006*
417,810

Female 23%
Minority 38%

EMPLOYMENT CODES

OES 63017
O*NET 33-3012.00
*Correctional Officers
And Jailers*

JOB DESCRIPTION

Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institution in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit between jail, courtroom, prison, or other point, traveling by automobile or public transportation.



SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Good judgment
- ◆ Ability to think and act quickly
- ◆ Strong interpersonal communications skills
- ◆ Required to meet formal standards of physical fitness
- ◆ Must pass screening for drug abuse and background check
- ◆ Proficiency in firearms and self-defense skills



Correctional officers are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or who have been convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve time in a jail, reformatory, or penitentiary. They maintain security and inmate accountability in order to prevent disturbances, assaults, or escapes. Officers have no law enforcement responsibilities outside the institution where they work.

Correctional officers report orally and in writing on inmate conduct, security breaches, disturbances, violations of rules, and any unusual occurrences. In jail and prison facilities with direct supervision cellblocks, officers work unarmed. The officers enforce regulations primarily through interpersonal communications and the use of progressive sanctions, such as loss of some privileges.

Working in a correctional institution can be stressful. Officers may work indoors or outdoors depending on their specific duties. Officers work all shift hours of days, nights, weekends and holidays.

PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training Provider	Direct Training	Related Training	Education Offering
Amarillo College Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford	√		A.A.S (Associate in Applied Science Degree), Criminal Justice Corrections Major
	√	√	Certificate of Completion (Criminal Justice Corrections) A.S (Associate in Science Degree), Criminal Justice Major
West Texas A&M University Canyon		√	B.A. (Bachelor of Arts Degree/ B.S. Bachelor of Science Degree) Criminal Justice Major

For information on public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

United States Citizenship with no felony convictions

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

State Government	60%
Local Government	31%
Facilities Support Services	5%
Federal Government	3%

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The American Correctional Association, 4380 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706-4322, (800) 222-5646, <http://www.corrections.com/aca/index.html>

The American Jail Association, 1135 Professional Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740, (301) 790-3930, <http://www.corrections.com/aja/index.html>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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