

Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officer

PANHANDLE

Average Wage
\$19.95

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
50

Employment in
2004 2014
1,150 1,350

TEXAS

Average Wage
\$21.50

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
2,540

Employment in
2004 2014
51,700 63,750

UNITED STATES

Employment in
2006
624,380

Female 12%
Minority 29%

EMPLOYMENT CODES

OES 63014

O*NET 33-3051.00

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Patrol Officers*

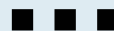
JOB DESCRIPTION

Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and protect life and property in an assigned patrol district. Perform combination of following duties: patrol a specific area on foot or in a vehicle; direct traffic; issue traffic summonses; investigate accidents; apprehend and arrest suspects, or serve legal processes of courts.



SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Knowledge of laws, legal codes, court procedures and the democratic political process
- ◆ Knowledge of weaponry, public safety, security operations and the protection of people, data, and property
- ◆ Understanding of human behavior and performance
- ◆ Ability to speak clearly, listen and understand information, and respond quickly
- ◆ Ability to see details at a distance



Law enforcement officers perform duties in a variety of ways, depending on the size and type of their organization. They may direct traffic at the scene of a fire, investigate a burglary, or give first aid to an accident victim. Many urban police agencies are becoming more involved in community policing—a practice in which an officer builds relationships with the citizens of local neighborhoods and mobilizes the public to help fight crime.

Some police officers specialize in such diverse fields as chemical and microscopic analysis, training and firearms instruction, or handwriting and fingerprint identification. Others work with special units such as horseback, bicycle, motorcycle or harbor patrol, canine corps, or special weapons and tactics (SWAT) or emergency response teams.

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 Law Enforcement Major
	√	√	Certificate of Completion (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement) A.S. (Associate in Science Degree) Criminal Justice Major
City of Amarillo Police Academy Amarillo	√		Police Academy for Basic Police Officer License
Wayland Baptist University Amarillo		√	B.A. (Bachelor of Arts 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 - Policing

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

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

Required: Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education
(TCLEOSE) Certification

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

Local Government	88%
Federal Government	7%
State Government	5%

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), 6330 U.S. Hwy 290 East, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78723, (512) 936-7700, <http://www.tcleose.state.tx.us>

United States Marshals Service, Human Resources Division—Law Enforcement Recruiting, Washington, DC 20530-1000 <http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals>

U.S. Secret Service, Personnel Division, 245 Murray Dr., Building 410, Washington, DC 20223, (202) 406-5800, <http://www.treas.gov/uss>

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Room 8290, Washington, DC 20226, <http://www.atf.treas.gov>

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

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