

# ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Police officers protect lives and property. Detectives and criminal investigators, who sometimes are called agents or special agents, gather facts and collect evidence of possible crimes. Law enforcement officers' duties depend on the size and type of their organizations.

Police officers pursue and apprehend people who break the law and then warn them, cite them, or arrest them. Most police officers patrol their jurisdictions and investigate any suspicious activity they notice. They also respond to calls, issue traffic tickets, investigate domestic issues, and give first aid to accident victims.

Detectives perform investigative duties such as gathering facts and collecting evidence.

The daily activities of police and detectives vary with their occupational specialty and whether they are working for a local, state, or federal agency. Duties also differ among federal agencies, which enforce different aspects of the law. Regardless of job duties or location, police officers and detectives at all levels must write reports and keep detailed records that will be needed if they testify in court.



## SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$64,770	\$84,460	\$108,840	\$126,920	\$144,220

\*Pay period based on yearly amount.

**EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK**

Stable growth rate is estimated to be **5%**

**4,860** estimated annual job openings

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Correctional Officers and Jailers
- Criminal Investigators and Special Agents
- Fish and Game Wardens
- Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs
- Private Detectives and Investigators
- Security Guards

