



Private Sector Career Guide

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PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

Conduct surveillance, background investigations on individuals and cases, study crime scenes, testify in court, escort valuable property, guard high profile individuals, recover information



EDUCATION

B.A. Criminology/B.S. Criminal Justice

Second Major or Minor: Photography, Computer Science, IT General minor



Salary

\$45,740-\$79,700*



Skills & Qualifications

Previous law enforcement/military experience
Experience as a librarian, paralegal, photographer
Sound judgement
Effective communication skills
Ability to conduct sound investigations
Attention to detail
Assertive
Certification through the National Association of Legal Investigators



Job Outlook

11% growth*
2012-2022

INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYST

Protect an organization's Information Technology from internal and external threats, investigate cases where an IT system has been compromised - Advanced Position -



EDUCATION

Bachelor's Computer Science + Master's Business Administration (recommended)

Second Major or Minor: Criminology, IT Technical minor



Salary

\$86,170*



Skills & Qualifications

Previous experience as a computer technician, network administrator, or systems administrator
Maintain knowledge of current technology
Effective communication skills



Job Outlook

37% growth*
2012-2022

FRAUD INVESTIGATOR

Investigate insurance and credit card fraud cases, research records and transactions, conduct surveillance, collect evidence, provide investigation results to appropriate authorities and testify in court



EDUCATION

Bachelor's Criminology, Accounting, Finance

Second Major or Minor: Criminology, Accounting, IT General minor



Salary

\$45,740-\$79,700*



Skills & Qualifications

Complete certificate for Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Experience with criminal investigations, background investigations, suspect business practices, insurance casualty claims
Ability to conduct interviews, write reports, collect/preserve evidence
Ethical and excellent communication skills



Job Outlook

11% growth*
2012-2022

LOSS PREVENTION MANAGER

Plan and direct policies, procedures, or strategies to eliminate loss of assets, conduct inventory investigations and store surveillance, testify in court as necessary



EDUCATION

AA/AS Certificate

Bachelor's Degree (recommended for advancement)

Second Major or Minor: Criminology, Psychology, General Business Administration



Salary

\$30,020*



Skills & Qualifications

Strong observation abilities
Sharp critical thinking skills
Effective communication skills
Ability to calmly confront people
Detail oriented



Job Outlook

8% - 14% growth*
2012-2022