



# Public Services Industry Sector

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects increases in employment nationwide through 2014 for all three pathways in the Public Services industry sector. Job openings in community and social services are expected to increase by approximately 21 percent; in legal services, by 16 percent, in protective services, by 14 percent; and in state and local government services, by 11 percent. In California, occupational employment projections also foresee growth in all of this sector's pathways through 2014. Job openings in state and local government services are expected to increase by 17 percent; in community and social services, by 22 percent; in legal services, by 16 percent; and in protective services, by 18 percent. This growth will result from heightened interest in homeland and border security as well as the retirement of workers from the baby-boom generation.

The Public Services industry sector provides a foundation for secondary students in government, public administration, public safety, legal services, and human services. It encompasses three career pathways, Human Services, Legal and Government Services, and Protective Services, which emphasize processes, systems, and services related to serving the public's interest. Knowledge and skills are acquired (1) within a sequential, standards-based program that integrates classroom, laboratory, and project- and work-based instruction; and (2) through internships, community classrooms, work experience, and cooperative career technical education. Pathways in this sector are designed to prepare students for technical training, postsecondary education, and entry to a variety of careers.

## Public Services Industry Sector Pathways:

- *Human Services*
- *Legal and Government Services*
- *Protective Services*

### Entry Level Careers

*(with high school diploma)*

Social and Human Service Assistant  
Forest Fire Fighters  
Security Guards  
Animal Control Worker  
Foster Care Worker  
Elected Official  
Parking Enforcement Officer  
Legal Clerk

### Technical Level Careers

*(with AA or AS degree or certificate)*

Police Officer  
Probation Officers and Correctional  
Correctional Officers and Jailers  
Police Patrol Officers  
Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs  
Firefighters  
Fire Apparatus Engineer  
U.S. Customs Officer  
Eligibility Worker  
Vocational Counselor  
Employment and Training Technician  
Residential Counselor  
Substance Abuse Counselor  
Licensed Psychiatric Technician  
Mental Health Worker  
Paralegals and Legal Assistants  
Cosmetologist

### Professional Level Careers

*(with BS or BA degree)*

Federal Marshal  
FBI, ATF, DEA Agent  
Probation Mediator  
Marriage and Family Therapist  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Family Social Service Worker  
Foreign Language Interpreter  
Medical/Public Health Social Workers  
Mental Health Social Worker  
Mental Health Counselor  
Attorney  
Judge, Magistrate Judge  
Anthropologist  
Astronomer



## Human Services Pathway

Sample CTE Courses\*

Education Level and Related Occupations\*\*

Introductory	Concentration	Capstone	High School Diploma	Certification and/or AA Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflict Resolution</li> <li>Introduction to Human Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles of Recovery and Psychosocial Rehabilitation</li> <li>Recovery and Special Populations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping Relationships</li> <li>Psychosocial Rehabilitation Worker Field Experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Manager Aide</li> <li>Child Care Aide</li> <li>Foster Care Worker</li> <li>Mental Health Aide</li> <li>Youth Worker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed Psychiatric Technician+</li> <li>Mental Health Worker+</li> <li>Residential Counselor+</li> <li>Social Service Coordinator+</li> <li>Substance Abuse Counselor+</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Social Service Worker</li> <li>Licensed Clinical Social Worker+</li> <li>Marriage and Family Therapist+</li> <li>Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist +</li> </ul>

## Legal and Government Services Pathway

Sample CTE Courses\*

Education Level and Related Occupations\*\*

Introductory	Concentration	Capstone	High School Diploma	Certification and/or AA Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitutional Law A and B</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal Justice/ Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal Law/ International Law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elected Official</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Clerk+</li> <li>Paralegal+</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attorney+</li> <li>Diplomatic Service</li> </ul>

## Protective Services Pathway

Sample CTE Courses\*

Education Level and Related Occupations\*\*

Introductory	Concentration	Capstone	High School Diploma	Certification and/or AA Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Science I</li> <li>Police Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Science II Forensic Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Internship</li> <li>Law Enforcement Internship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal Control Officer+</li> <li>Armed Forces Police Officer</li> <li>Emergency Medical Technician+</li> <li>Parking Enforcement Officer+</li> <li>Security Guard+</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrections Officer+</li> <li>Crime Scene Technician+</li> <li>Criminal Investigator+</li> <li>Firefighter+</li> <li>Paramedic+</li> <li>Police Officer+</li> <li>Private Investigator+</li> <li>U.S. Customs Officer+</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ATF Agent+</li> <li>DEA Agent+</li> <li>FBI Agent+</li> <li>Federal Marshal+</li> <li>Fire Captain/Chief+</li> <li>Police Lieutenant/ Captain/Chief+</li> </ul>

\*Sample CTE Courses are from the Career Technical Education Framework for California Public Schools (California Department of Education: 2007, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd/>)

\*\*Visit ASSIST ([www2.assist.org/browseAreas.do](http://www2.assist.org/browseAreas.do)) for community college and UC/CSU information and California Career Zone ([www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)) for occupation information.

+This occupation requires certification or licensure.

Related Career Technical Student Organization: SkillsUSA (<http://www.skillsusaca.com>)