

Why Education in Homeland Security is Important

High demand for capable professionals

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Individuals looking for a rewarding profession that offers job security, good compensation and the ability to serve society should seriously consider working in the Homeland Security profession. It continues to be one of the fastest growing professions in the country and all indications point to a continuing trend. Positions in Homeland Security and Emergency Management are among the most secure and lucrative of government jobs.

In 2017, the Department of Homeland Security has over 240,000 positions and is always looking to hire for more. Additionally, many other federal, state, and local government agencies are hiring for positions in Homeland Security and Emergency Management as well as numerous private and non-profit organizations. Even during the global economic recession of the late 1980s, many jurisdictions were reluctant to reduce positions in Homeland Security and these positions actually increased in many places.



Salaries for homeland security positions geared toward educated practitioners can be substantial. The positions vary significantly. The most attractive include emergency management, anti-terrorism, emergency response, disaster recovery, threat mitigation, physical security, border protection, cyber investigations, weapons of mass destruction training, weapons proliferation, international relations, criminal investigations, forensics, interrogation, and intelligence.

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According to US Department of Homeland Security data, typical homeland security salaries offered in 2017 for positions of responsibility at USDH:

- USDH Special Agent, \$123,544
- Program Analyst, \$76,358
- Supervisor, \$101,627
- Director, \$145,581
- Border Patrol Agent, \$79,513
- Policy Analyst, \$79,982
- Contract Specialist, \$86,718

Prior experience is an important consideration in hiring professionals. But frequently applicants with pertinent education and experience in Homeland Security have an edge in securing a position. That is why it can be important to have a relevant degree.



Given the current Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), homeland security practitioners play an important role within our society. They are responsible for the safety and security of our citizens and our way of life and are therefore very much in high demand. Positions in Homeland Security are highly rewarding personally, given their significance. With technology continually evolving, you can count on positions in Homeland Security being modified significantly to keep up with the times. Having a bachelor's or master's degree in Homeland Security can put you on the cutting edge in this field.

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