

## Police, Probation and Correctional Officer

**Median hourly earnings:**  
**\$26.87**

**Median annual earnings:**  
**\$56,740**

### Occupation Description

Police, Probation, and Correctional Officers maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and protect life and property in an assigned patrol district.

### Education and Training Needed

- Moderate on-the-job training

### Training Providers

#### [Women in Protective Services](#)

Wider Opportunities for Women  
1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 930  
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#### **Women in Protective Services**

This innovative program for women in the DC metro area was developed to connect women searching for jobs that pay living wages to the DC area's protective services industry, which has many jobs that pay good wages, benefits, have defined career paths, and provide extensive, paid, on-the-job training. The program components include: case management; individualized career planning; physical fitness/defensive tactics; individual mentors – female sworn law enforcement officers; debt counseling; and community policing activities.

## Metro Transit Police

**Beginning salary:**  
**\$41,400**

**Median annual earnings:**  
**\$41,586-74,636**

**Current employment in the DC metro area:**  
**400**

**Predicted growth:**  
**9%, approximately 36 new jobs**

### Occupation Description

Metro Transit Police Officers provide a variety of law enforcement and public safety services on the Metrorail and Metrobus systems in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Metro Transit Police Officer candidates are trained to the standards established for police in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Uniformed and plainclothes Metro Transit Police officers patrol trains, stations and parking lots on foot, on bicycles, and in radio-dispatched scout cars. Uniformed and plainclothes officers ride Metrobuses at random and in areas where

problems have been reported. Metro Transit Police detectives are tasked with investigating open crimes and bringing them to closure.

### **Education and Training Needed**

- Education/Training required: Moderate-term on-the-job training

### **General Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required for Success on the Job**

- Deductive reasoning
- Good command of the English language
- Writing
- Ability to work well under pressure and in stressful situations

For more information about career opportunities at Metro visit:

[http://www.wmata.com/jobs/employment\\_opportunities.cfm?fromMenu>AboutMetro.9](http://www.wmata.com/jobs/employment_opportunities.cfm?fromMenu>AboutMetro.9)

### **Metropolitan Police Department**

Police Recruiting Unit

300 Indiana Ave., NW, Rm. 2169

Washington, DC 20001

Tel: 1(800) 994-6732

To qualify for the position of Police Officer, you must:

- Be a US citizen at the time of application.
- Be 21 years of age.
- Possess at least 20/100 vision, correctable to 20/30 in both eyes.
- Pass a written test.
- Pass a medical examination, including a drug-screening test, and being of proportionate height and weight as measured by percentage of body fat.
- Pass a psychological examination.
- Possess a high moral character for carrying out law enforcement duties.
- Possess a valid driver's license at the time of application.
- Have one of the following:
  - Successfully completed at least 60 semester hours of college credit — essentially the equivalent of two years of higher education with coursework in any subject matter. Credits from any accredited college or university will be accepted; or
  - Served in the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Organized Reserves and National Guard, for at least three years on active duty and, if separated from the military, have received an honorable discharge; or
  - Have served at least five years in a full-duty status with a full-service police department in a municipality or a state within the United States, and have resigned or retired in good standing.