

Private Detectives and Investigators

SOC: 33-9021 • Career Profile Report

■ Key Facts

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| \$52,370 Median Salary | 43,600 Employment | +6.0% Growth Rate |
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■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: High school diploma

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Low Risk - 20.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.
This job is relatively safe from automation due to its creative, social, or complex problem-solving requirements.

■ Work-Life Balance

7.8/10 - Good work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

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| Realistic | 8.0/10 | Investigative | 6.4/10 |
| Artistic | 4.0/10 | Social | 7.8/10 |
| Enterprising | 6.6/10 | Conventional | 6.2/10 |

■ Top Skills Required

Attention to detail, Communication skills, Decision-making skills, Inquisitiveness, Patience, Problem-solving skills

✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Private Detectives and Investigators typically perform the following tasks:

- Write reports or case summaries to document investigations.
- Conduct private investigations on a paid basis.
- Search computer databases, credit reports, public records, tax or legal filings, or other resources to locate persons or to compile information for investigations.
- Conduct personal background investigations, such as pre-employment checks, to obtain information about an individual's character, financial status, or personal history.
- Expose fraudulent insurance claims or stolen funds.
- Obtain and analyze information on suspects, crimes, or disturbances to solve cases, to identify criminal activity, or to gather information for court cases.
- Testify at hearings or court trials to present evidence.
- Question persons to obtain evidence for cases of divorce, child custody, or missing persons or information about individuals' character or financial status.
- Observe and document activities of individuals to detect unlawful acts or to obtain evidence for cases, using binoculars and still or video cameras.
- Confer with establishment officials, security departments, police, or postal officials to identify problems, provide information, or receive instructions.
- Investigate companies' financial standings, or locate funds stolen by embezzlers, using accounting skills.
- Perform undercover operations, such as evaluating the performance or honesty of employees by posing as customers or employees.
- Alert appropriate personnel to suspects' locations.
- Count cash and review transactions, sales checks, or register tapes to verify amounts or to identify shortages.
- Serve documents to parties named in legal proceedings.
- Use advanced technology, such as drones, GPS trackers, and surveillance cameras, to facilitate investigations.