CAREER PATHWAY: SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

What do they do? Obtain evidence, take statements, produce reports, and testify to findings regarding resolution of fraud allegations. May coordinate fraud detection and prevention activities.

People with these roles and responsibilities are also called: Special Agent, Investigator, Certified Fraud Examiner, Inspector General, Special Investigation Unit Investigator

Some typical job duties include:
- Conduct in-depth investigations of suspected internal or external fraud.
- Prepare evidence for presentation in court.
- Testify in court regarding investigation findings.
- Interview witnesses or suspects and take statements.
- Advise businesses or agencies on ways to improve fraud detection.
- Create and maintain logs, records, or databases of information about fraudulent activity.
- Coordinate investigative efforts with law enforcement officers and attorneys.

Most Important Occupational Skills

Basic Skills: Writing, Speaking, Reading Comprehension
Social Skills: Coordination, Social Perceptiveness, Negotiation
Problem Solving Skills: Complex Problem Solving
Technical Skills: Operation Monitoring, Operation and Control
System Skills: Judgment and Decision Making, Systems Analysis, Systems Evaluation

How much do these jobs pay in Ohio?

AVERAGE: $73,250

Ohio Job Outlook

570 Annual projected job openings

Career Pathway and Educational Requirements

Entry-Level ($40,000–$60,000) Mid-Career ($60,000–$90,000) Managerial ($90,000+)

Special Investigator Senior Investigator Manager, Special Investigations Unit

Required for Entry: Associate’s Degree or Equivalent Law Enforcement or Claims Experience
Required for Advancement: Bachelor’s Degree, Multiple Years Related Work Experience
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Certifications that can help you advance:
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Certified Insurance Fraud Investigator International Association of Special Investigation Units

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