

# 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.



## HOW MUCH DO THESE JOBS PAY IN OHIO?

**AVERAGE:**  
**\$73,250**

## 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

**Resource Management Skills:** Time Management, Management of Personnel Resources, Management of Financial Resources

## CAREER PATHWAY AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Entry-Level (\$40,000–\$60,000)

**Special Investigator**

### REQUIRED FOR ENTRY:

Associate's Degree or Equivalent Law Enforcement or Claims Experience

Mid-Career (\$60,000–\$90,000)

**Senior Investigator**

### REQUIRED FOR ADVANCEMENT:

Bachelor's Degree, Multiple Years Related Work Experience

Managerial (\$90,000+)

**Manager, Special Investigations Unit**

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## SOME 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)