**Protective Service Occupations** is projected to add 508 new jobs to the state economy, an increase of 1.86 percent. Of the 2,832 annual job openings, 1,178 are for those created from employees leaving the workforce, while 1,400 are from people changing jobs. Growth and expansion accounts for 254 annual openings.

**2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 1.86%  
Biggest Gain: Security Guards (33-9032) –184 jobs  
Fastest Gain: Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists (33-2022) – 5.10%   
Biggest Loser: Correctional Officers and Jailers (33-3012) – 51 jobs   
Fastest Loser: Parking Enforcement Workers (33-3041) – 5.88%**

**Short-Term Outlook 2018-2020**

**Protective Service Occupations (33-0000)**

The ***Supervisors of Protective Service Workers*** occupational family is anticipating 81 new jobs, an increase of 2.27 percent. First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives is estimated to add the most with 44 new jobs, while First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers could be the fastest growing in this occupational family increasing by 2.79 percent. The occupational family is expecting around 286 annual job openings.

The ***Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers*** is predicted to increase jobs by 78, an increase of 3.02 percent. The majority of the job growth is expected in Firefighters with a gain of 67. Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists is forecast to be the fastest growing occupation in the major group with a 5.10 percent gain. Around 218 job openings are anticipated annually for the occupational family.

The ***Law Enforcement Workers*** occupational family is estimated to experience a mixed outlook with a net gain of 126, 1.01 percent. Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers is expected to add 168 new jobs, a 2.78 percent increase. On the negative side of the labor market, Correctional Officers and Jailers is estimated to lose 51 jobs, or just under one percent of its workforce. ***Law Enforcement Workers*** as a whole is projected to have 958 job openings annually.

The ***Other Protective Service Workers*** occupational family is expected to increase employment by 223 jobs, an increase of 2.57 percent. Security Guards is anticipated to add 184 of these and 980 annual job openings, more than 71 percent of the major groups overall total. The occupational family is estimated to have 1,372 annual job openings during the projection period.

**Workforce Development Area Outlook  
Protective Service Occupations**

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| **Workforce  Development Area** | **2018 Estimated Employment** | **2020 Projected Employment** | **Numeric Change** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Openings- Exits** | **Annual Openings- Transfers** | **Annual Openings- Change** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 4,585 | 4,712 | 127 | 2.77% | 185 | 226 | 64 | 475 |
| North Central Arkansas | 1,550 | 1,571 | 21 | 1.35% | 56 | 70 | 10 | 136 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 1,773 | 1,831 | 58 | 3.27% | 72 | 87 | 29 | 188 |
| Western Arkansas | 1,590 | 1,625 | 35 | 2.20% | 64 | 78 | 18 | 160 |
| West Central Arkansas | 2,966 | 2,991 | 25 | 0.84% | 130 | 154 | 12 | 296 |
| Central Arkansas | 3,712 | 3,762 | 50 | 1.35% | 168 | 198 | 25 | 391 |
| City of Little Rock | 4,958 | 5,170 | 212 | 4.28% | 258 | 289 | 106 | 653 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 1,542 | 1,542 | 0 | 0.00% | 60 | 74 | 0 | 134 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 1,592 | 1,622 | 30 | 1.88% | 62 | 76 | 15 | 153 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 3,214 | 3,232 | 18 | 0.56% | 114 | 146 | 9 | 269 |