



## Security guards

Guard, patrol, or monitor premises to prevent theft, violence, or infractions of rules. May operate x-ray and metal detector equipment.

## Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2023, work was reviewed by a supervisor more than once per day for 53.6 percent of security guards, and once per day for 31.5 percent.

**Table 1. Percentage of security guards with cognitive and mental requirements, 2023**

Requirement	Yes	No
<b>Pace: Pause control</b>	10.2	89.8
<b>Interaction with general public</b>	>99.5	<0.5
<b>Working around crowds</b>	30.3	69.7
<b>Telework</b>	<0.5	>99.5
<b>Work review: Supervising others</b>	0.6	99.4
<b>Work review: Presence of supervisor</b>	28.0	72.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

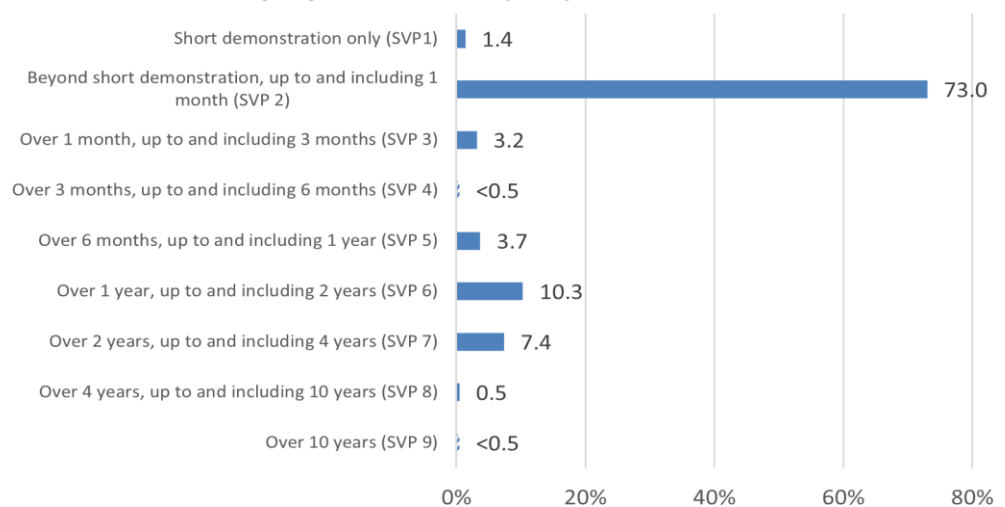
## Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2023, credentials were required for 85.5 percent of security guards. Prior work experience was required for 22.1 percent and on-the-job training was required for 97.1 percent.

A high school diploma was required for 94.9 percent of security guards.

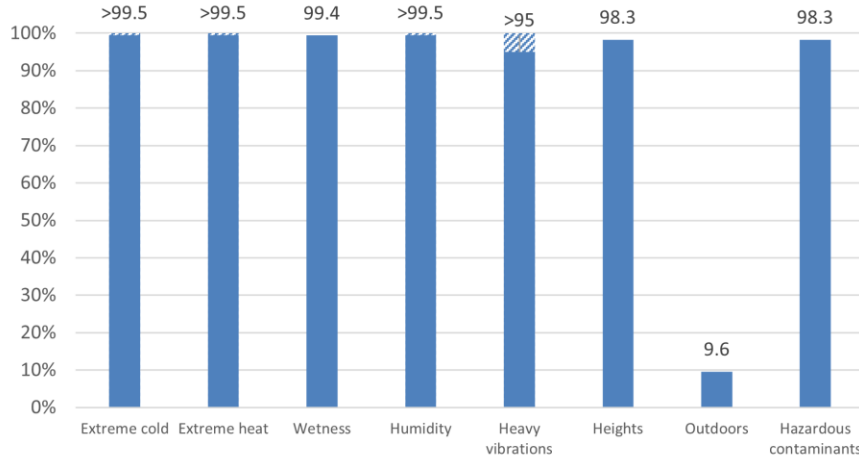
**Chart 1. Percentage of security guards by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2023**



Note: Striped bars represent range estimates where precise value is unpublished.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

**Chart 2. Percentage of security guards without exposure to environmental conditions, 2023**



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### Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2023, greater than 99.5 percent of security guards were not exposed to extreme cold, and greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to extreme heat. Wetness was not present for 99.4 percent, greater than 95 percent were not exposed to heavy vibrations, and 9.6 percent were not exposed to the outdoors.

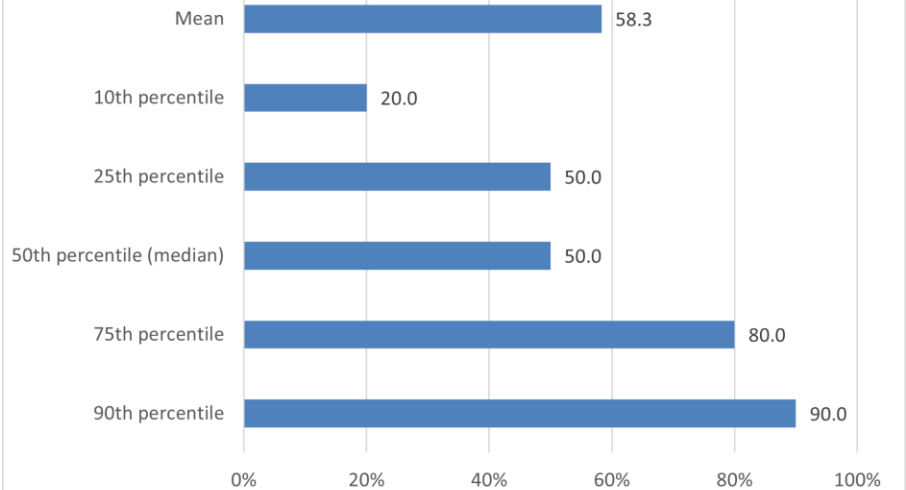
### Physical demands

Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

In 2023, keyboarding was required for 77.8 percent of security guards and was not required for 22.2 percent. For 36.8 percent of workers, keyboarding was seldom performed, for 38.7 percent keyboarding occurred occasionally, 2.3 percent frequently, and for less than 0.5 percent keyboarding occurred constantly.

Performing work in low postures was required for 49.2 percent of security guards and was not required for 50.8 percent.

**Chart 3. Security guards by percent of workday standing, 2023**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 7.5 percent of security guards. On average, workers spent 41.7 percent of the workday sitting and 58.3 percent of the workday standing.

**Table 2. Percentage of security guards with physical demands, 2023**

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	7.5	92.5
Driving	38.0	62.0
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	73.5	26.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey