

## 9.7 Legal & Security Occupations

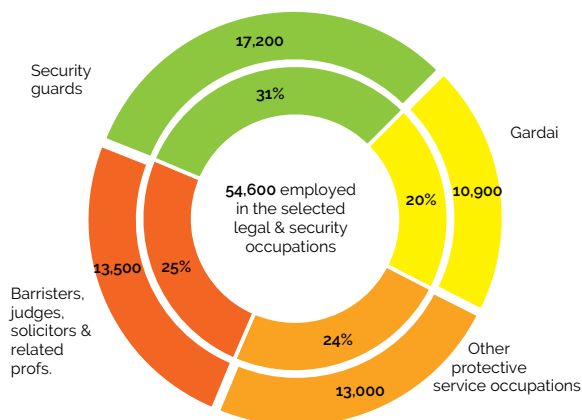
Overall employment: Approximately 54,600 persons (73% male) were employed in the selected legal & security occupations, representing 2.4% of the national workforce

- **Sector:** 43% of overall employment was concentrated in the public administration and defence (PAD) sector, while administrative services and professional activities combined accounted for a further 41%
- **Employment growth (5-year):** Between 2013 and 2018, employment growth was below the national average (3.1%) for all of the occupations in this group while the strongest rate of employment growth was observed for security guards (2.2%) during the period.
- **Age:** The 25-54 age group accounted for the majority of persons employed, at 80%. The share of employees aged 55 and over was 14%, below the national average of 17%.
- **Education:** The share of persons employed in the selected legal & security occupations who had attained higher secondary/FET qualifications was 34%, slightly below the national average share of 37%. Those who had attained third level qualifications (57%) was above the national average share (48%).
- **Full-time/part-time:** Over 91% of legal & security workers were in full-time employment
- **Nationality:** The share of non-Irish workers was below the national average of 16%, while 89% of workers were Irish nationals

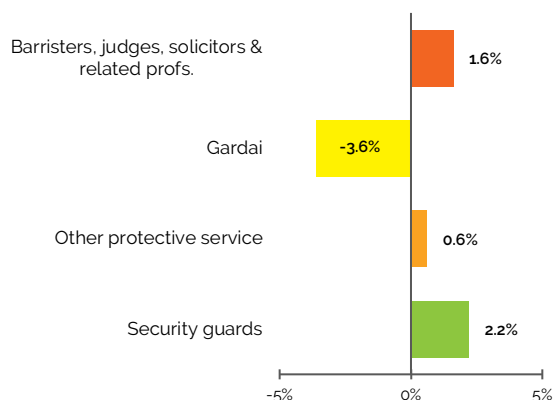
### Overall outlook for these occupations:

There was very little employment growth in these occupations over the five years examined and there was no evidence in the analysis of difficulties sourcing candidates.

Numbers employed, 2018



Average growth rate (%) 2013-2018



Between 2013 and 2018, overall employment increased by 1,000 (0.4% on average annually compared to 3.1% nationally).

Source: SLMRU (SOLAS) analysis of CSO data

Occupation	Economic summary	Shortage	Occupation shortage details
Barristers, judges, solicitors & related profs.	No shortages have been identified for this occupation.	●	
Gardai	The decline in employment for this occupation relates to the period between 2013 and 2014 with employment remaining steady in recent years. No shortages have been identified for this occupation.	●	
Other protective service occupations (e.g. army personnel, fire/ prison service officers)	No shortages have been identified for this occupation.	●	
Security guards	Employment growth for this occupation was below the national average. No shortages have been identified for this occupation.	●	

*\*For detailed table see Appendix A*