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Although the summer months often indicate a slowdown in hiring, security clearance jobs have actually increased on ClearanceJobs.com. Nearly 6,650 jobs were posted to ClearanceJobs.com in the past 30 days, **up significantly** from 4,259 last month.

Employers continue to seek candidates with higher level clearances, and pay them more. With fewer in supply, candidates with higher clearances earn an **average of \$10,000** more per year than job seekers at just the Secret or Confidential clearance level.

Multiple locations in **California** have a strong presence among the actively posted jobs on ClearanceJobs.com including San Diego, Huntington Beach, Anaheim, and El Segundo.

This month's **Job Spotlight** focuses on open positions from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The INL is a government facility with a mission in nuclear energy research, science and national defense, and currently in a growth phase. With 3,500 scientist, researchers and support staff, the laboratory works with national and international governments, universities and industry partners to discover new science and develop technologies critical to national security.

Focus on Security Clearance

6,649	Number of jobs posted to ClearanceJobs.com in the past 30 days, up from 4,259 last month
80,300	Current number of cleared job seekers registered on ClearanceJobs.com
\$441.6 billion	The U.S. military and homeland security budget for FY2006
\$92,750	Average salary of a cleared IT Project Manager, as polled in the Q1 ClearanceJobs.com Security Clearance Salary Survey

Most Wanted Job Industries

1. Systems Engineer
2. Security-Network Management
3. IT Software-Java/J2EE
4. Engineering-Aerospace and Aviation:
5. IT Software-Programmer

[View all posted jobs](#)

Job Seeker Poll Results

This month's poll of 200 cleared job seekers asks candidates how long it took to get their final security clearances.

How long did it take to get your final security clearance?

6-8 months		32%
9-12 months		20%
13-18 months		21%
19-24 months		27%

Job Spotlight

(Description of unique security-cleared position currently posted on ClearanceJobs.com)

Job Title: Cyber Security
Employer: The Idaho National Laboratory
Job Location: Idaho Falls, Idaho

Clearance: Minimum Secret level security clearance required

In the role of PI or assistant PI, this company seeks a cleared candidate to participate in development of custom code used to analyze network traffic and proprietary protocols, develop unique attack and defense methodology and code for high risk computer networks. The position offers the opportunity to develop technical solutions for information operations and analysis related to National Security topics including: intrusion analysis, systems & vulnerabilities, network security, advanced analytical tools and data visualization techniques. The right candidate will identify security vulnerabilities on existing platforms essential to the automation of critical infrastructure assets and perform advanced analysis and/or reverse engineering of suspect source code.

Top Requested Locations for Security-Cleared Candidates:

1. VA-McLean/Arlington
2. DC-Washington/Metro
3. AZ-Tucson
4. VA-Fairfax/Reston
5. CA-San Diego
6. CA-Anaheim/Huntington Beach
7. CA-El Segundo
8. MD-Linthicum
9. WA-Bellevue/Redmond
10. CO-Aurora

Spotlight on San Diego, CA

Quite simply, San Diego and the military go hand and hand as inseparable partners. Approximately ¼ of all jobs in the greater San Diego area are due to the military. San Diego is home to multiple military bases and has the largest number of military retirees than anywhere in the nation. Approximately 260,000 veterans call the San Diego area home.

- Average salary of polled security cleared candidates in the Q1 ClearanceJobs.com Security Clearance Salary Survey in San Diego: \$58,472
- The military brings in over \$13 billion annually to the regional San Diego economy, second only to manufacturing
- Common security clearance jobs in San Diego: Software Engineer, Network Architect, Logistics Analyst, Contracts Manager
- Military bases in San Diego: Naval Station San Diego, Naval Base Point Loma, Naval Air Station North Island, MCAS El Toro, MCAS Miramar

ClearanceJobs.com Salary Survey

(National Cleared/Uncleared Salary Gender Gap, according to the Q1 2006 ClearanceJobs.com [Salary Survey](#))

- Male average \$68,840
- Female average \$58,076

[Read the entire salary survey](#)

Upcoming Security-Cleared Career Fairs:

Chantilly, VA	9/12/06
Crystal City, VA	9/13/06
Ft Huachuca, AZ	9/19/06
Boston, MA	9/20/06
Omaha, NB	10/11/06

[View all upcoming career fairs](#)

Security-Cleared Question of the Month:

(From the ClearanceJobs.com [Security Clearance FAQ](#))

Can a naturalized person get a Personnel Clearance?

Yes. A naturalized person is to be treated as a US citizen. However, the naturalized person may have to provide information on his or her clearance application regarding foreign relatives, associations, etc.