

The data contained in this table provides employment and wage data for the top 10 occupations in the Los Angeles/Orange counties region, according to the number of 2015 jobs.

Top Ten Occupations Requiring Postsecondary Certificates or Associate Degrees by Number of Jobs, Los Angeles and Orange County Regions

SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	5-Year Change*	5-Year % Change	Openings**	Typical Entry Level Education	Median Hourly Earnings
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	47,859	50,211	2,352	5%	6,933	Postsecondary Certificate	\$17.88
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	44,190	52,774	8,584	19%	14,213	Postsecondary Certificate	\$13.31
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	30,564	34,575	4,011	13%	8,282	Postsecondary Certificate	\$10.64
31-9092	Medical Assistants	30,449	34,817	4,368	14%	7,936	Postsecondary Certificate	\$15.90
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	29,404	33,602	4,198	14%	8,869	Postsecondary Certificate	\$23.91
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	27,765	28,627	862	3%	4,790	Postsecondary Certificate	\$16.42
25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	18,072	18,944	872	5%	3,606	Associate degree	\$14.08
31-9091	Dental Assistants	17,557	19,353	1,796	10%	4,113	Postsecondary Certificate	\$17.37
23-2011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	12,896	13,761	865	7%	2,349	Associate degree	\$28.11
49-2022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	10,122	10,634	512	5%	1,098	Postsecondary Certificate	\$27.17

Notes: *Job growth or job loss. **Openings = new jobs created + job openings due to separations.

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Top Ten Occupations Requiring Postsecondary Certificates or Associate Degrees by Job Growth Rate, Los Angeles and Orange County Regions

SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	5-Year Change*	5-Year % Change	Openings**	Typical Entry Level Education	Median Hourly Earnings
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	829	1,091	262	32%	407	Associate degree	\$33.98
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	2,101	2,669	568	27%	927	Associate degree	\$32.98
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	3,049	3,645	596	20%	770	Associate degree	\$17.66
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	44,190	52,774	8,584	19%	14,213	Postsecondary certificate	\$13.31
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	5,933	7,067	1,134	19%	1,680	Postsecondary certificate	\$13.53
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	1,644	1,957	313	19%	490	Associate degree	\$40.39
29-2057	Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	1,295	1,528	233	18%	312	Postsecondary certificate	\$22.49
31-9011	Massage Therapists	10,021	11,755	1,734	17%	2,149	Postsecondary certificate	\$15.63
29-1124	Radiation Therapists	367	430	63	17%	111	Associate degree	\$45.06
29-2031	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	1,454	1,703	249	17%	404	Associate degree	\$30.81

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