

Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics Labor Market Analysis: San Diego County

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Summary

The following list summarizes findings from the labor market analysis below for *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics*:

- Between 2016 and 2021, *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* are projected to increase by 208 jobs (or three percent) in San Diego County.
- Employers in San Diego County will need to hire 744 workers annually to fill new jobs and to backfill jobs due to attrition such as retirement or turnover.
- Between 2010 and 2017, there was an average of 264 online job postings per year for *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* in San Diego County.
- *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* earn median hourly earnings of \$17.30, more than the self-sufficiency wage (\$13.09 per hour) for a single adult in San Diego County
- According to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Management Information System (MIS) Data Mart, six colleges supply the region with an annual average of 640 awards for this occupation: San Diego Continuing Education, Cuyamaca College, MiraCosta College, Palomar College, San Diego Miramar College and Southwestern College.
- Comparing the labor demand with labor supply, there is a supply gap for this occupation in San Diego County, with 744 annual openings and 640 awards. Comparatively, there are 8,658 annual openings in California and 6,857 completions.
- Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2017, the top five employers in San Diego County for this occupation were Jiffy Lube, Bridgestone/Firestone, Pep Boys, Nissan North American Incorporated and Penske.
- The typical on-the-job training for this occupation is short-term on-the-job training. The typical entry-level education is a postsecondary non-degree award.

Introduction

This report provides labor market information in San Diego County for the following occupational code in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)¹ system:

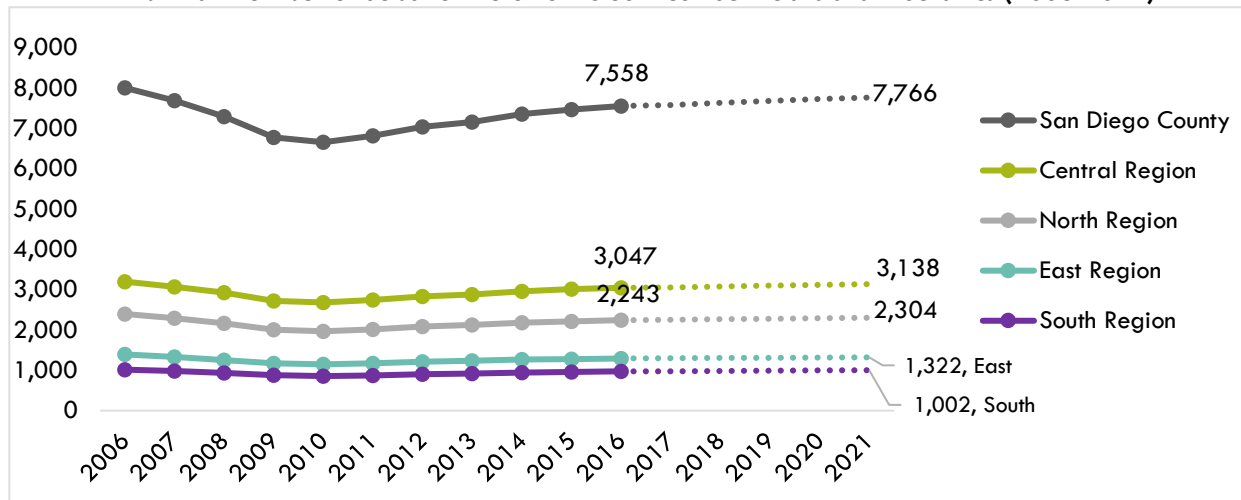
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (SOC 49-3023): Diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul automotive vehicles. Excludes "Automotive Body and Related Repairers" (49-3021), "Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists" (49-3031), and "Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles" (49-2096). Sample reported job titles include:

- Transmission Rebuilder
- Service Technician
- Mechanic
- Truck Technician
- Shop Foreman
- Automobile Mechanic (Auto Mechanic)
- Master Technician
- Lube Technician
- Trim Technician

Projected Occupational Demand

Between 2016 and 2021, *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* are projected to increase by **208** jobs (or **three** percent) in San Diego County (Exhibit 1a and Exhibit 1b).²

Exhibit 1a: Number of Jobs for Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (2006-2021)³

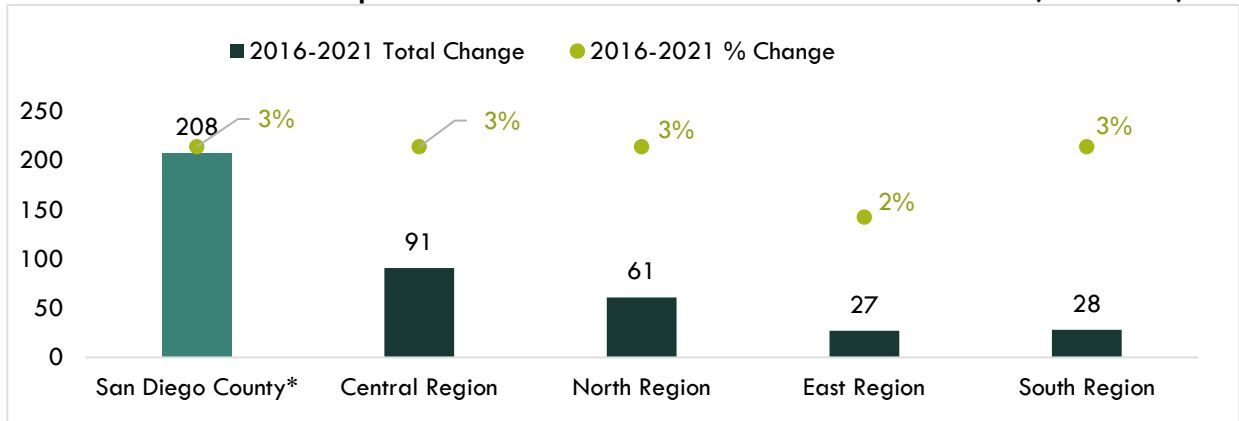


¹ The Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system is used by federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating or disseminating data. [bls.gov/soc](https://www.bls.gov/soc/).

² South, East, Central and North Regions' ZIP codes in this report are defined by the local Workforce Development Board, the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

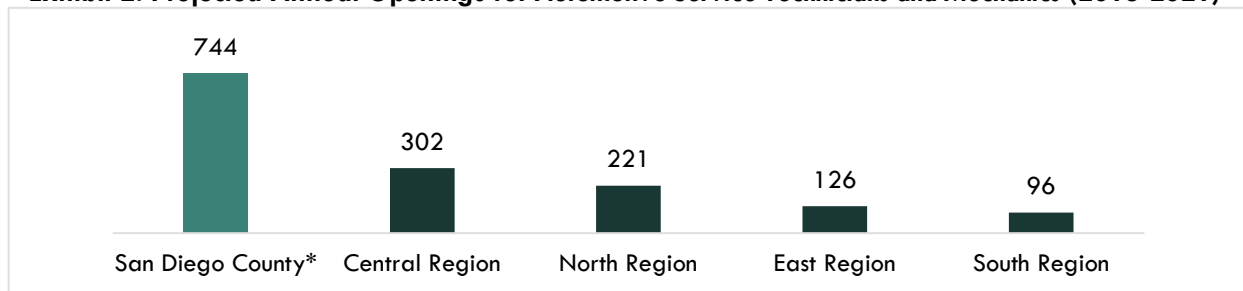
³ Economic Modeling Specialists, Int'l. (EMS). San Diego County (6073). 2017.03 Class of Worker. QCEW + Non-QCEW+ Self-Employed. 2006-2021.

Exhibit 1b: Five-Year Projections for Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (2016-2021)⁴



Employers in San Diego County will need to hire 744 workers annually to fill new jobs and backfill jobs due to attrition such as retirement or turnover (Exhibit 2).

Exhibit 2: Projected Annual Openings for Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (2016-2021)⁵



*Total annual openings for the subregions in San Diego County may not add up exactly due to rounding.

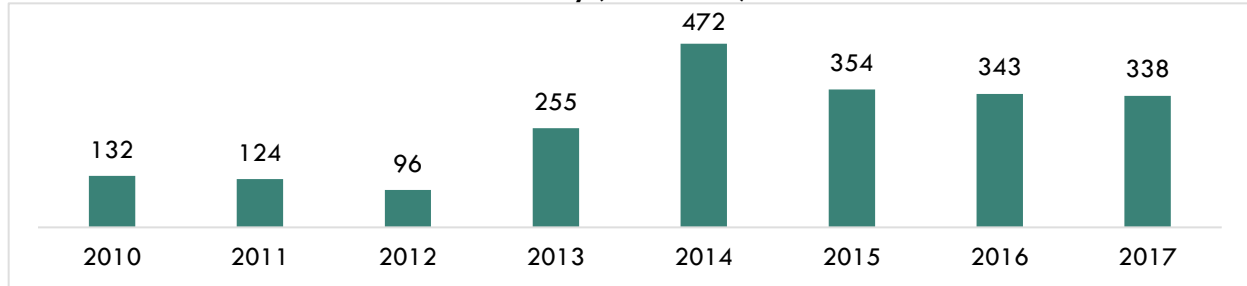
⁴ EMSI. San Diego County (6073). 2017.04 Class of Worker. QCEW + Non-QCEW + Self-Employed. 2016-2021.

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Online Job Postings

Between 2010 and 2017, there was an average of 264 online job postings per year for *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* in San Diego County (Exhibit 3).

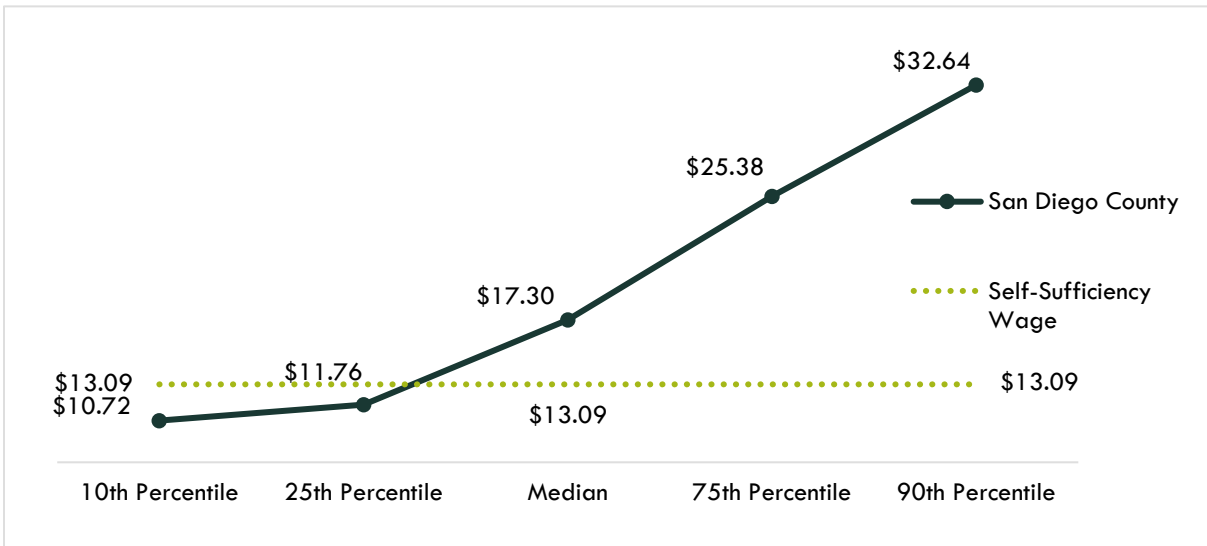
Exhibit 3: Number of Online Job Postings for *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* in San Diego County (2010-2017)⁶



Earnings

Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics earn median hourly earnings of \$17.30, more than the self-sufficiency wage (\$13.09 per hour)⁷ for a single adult in San Diego County (Exhibit 4).

Exhibit 4: Hourly Earnings for *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics* in San Diego County⁸



⁶ Labor Insight Jobs. Burning Glass Technologies. San Diego, CA. Full years 2010-2017.

⁷ The self-sufficiency wage in San Diego for one adult is \$13.09 (insightcced.org/tools-metrics/self-sufficiency-standard-tool-for-california).

⁸ EMSI. San Diego County (6073). 2017.04 Class of Worker. QCEW + Non-QCEW + Self-Employed. 2016-2021.

Educational Supply

Educational supply for an occupation can be estimated by analyzing the number of related program completers/graduates/awards in San Diego County. To determine what programs are available, Exhibit 5 lists the Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) code(s) related to the SOC code analyzed.

Exhibit 5: Related TOP Codes in San Diego County

SOC 49-3023: Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics

TOP 094800: Automotive Technology

TOP 094840: Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology

According to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Management Information System (MIS) Data Mart, six colleges supply the region with an annual average of 640 awards for this occupation: San Diego Continuing Education, Cuyamaca College, MiraCosta College, Palomar College, San Diego Miramar College and Southwestern College (Exhibit 6).

Exhibit 6 shows the annual average regional community college awards (associate degrees and certificates) conferred during the three academic years between 2013 and 2016, as well as other awards granted outside the California Community Colleges from 2012 to 2015 with the relevant TOP code.

Please note: An award is not equivalent to a single person in search of a job opening because a student may earn more than one award such as an associate degree in addition to a certificate.

Exhibit 6: Number of Awards (Certificates and Degrees) Conferred by Postsecondary Institutions by Occupation (Program Year 2012-13 through PY2015-16 Average)

TOP06	TOP06 Title	3-Yr Annual Average Supply (PY13-14 to PY15-16)	3-Yr Annual Average CC Awards (PY13-14 to PY15-16)	Other Educational Institutions 3-Yr Annual Average Awards (PY12-13 to PY14-15)
094800	Automotive Technology	640	640	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Diego Continuing Education 		340	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuyamaca College 		18	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MiraCosta College 		74	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palomar College 		34	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Diego Miramar College 		144	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern College 		30	

094840	Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology	0	0	0
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*Total number of awards may not add up exactly due to rounding.

Demand vs. Supply

Comparing the labor demand (annual openings) with labor supply⁹ from the region's colleges, there is a **supply gap** for this occupation in San Diego County, with **744** annual openings and **640** awards.

Comparatively, there are **8,658** annual openings in California and **6,857** completions.¹⁰

Exhibit 7: Labor Demand (Annual Openings) Compared to Labor Supply (Average Annual Awards)

Community Colleges and Other Postsecondary Educational Institutions	Demand (Annual Openings)	Supply (Total Annual Average Supply)	Supply Gap or Oversupply
San Diego County	744	640	104
California	8,658	6,857	1,801

Please note: This is a basic analysis of supply and demand of labor for these occupations. This data should be used to discuss the potential gaps or oversupply of workers for these occupations; however, it should not be the only basis for determining whether or not a program should be developed. Additionally, the data does not include workers who are currently in the labor force who could fill these positions or workers who are not captured by publicly available data.

Student Outcomes

Based on the information available in the CTE LaunchBoard,¹¹ students who took courses in the related TOP codes exhibited the following outcomes (Exhibit 8).

Exhibit 8: Strong Workforce Program Metrics for 094900 Automotive Collision Repair vs. All Programs in San Diego-Imperial Region (PY2014-15)

Metric	TOP 094900	All Programs
Number of course enrollments ¹²	329	1,009,712
Number of students who got a degree or certificate ¹³	41	17,536
Number of students who transferred ¹⁴	1	6,269

⁹ Labor supply can be found from two different sources: EMSI or the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office MIS Data Mart. EMSI uses CIP codes while MIS uses TOP codes. Different coding systems result in differences in the supply numbers.

¹⁰ EMSI. San Diego County (6073). 2017.04 Class of Worker. QCEW + Non-QCEW + Self-Employed. 2016-2021.

¹¹ calpassplus.org/LaunchBoard/SWP.aspx.

¹² The number of enrollments in courses assigned to the TOP code in the selected year.

¹³ The number of unduplicated students who earned a locally-issued certificate, Chancellor's Office approved certificate, associate degree, and/or California Community Colleges bachelor's degree in the selected TOP code.

¹⁴ Students who took non-introductory courses or completed a California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office award in the selected TOP code in selected year who subsequently enrolled for the first time in a four-year institution the following year.

Metric	TOP 094900	All Programs
Employed in the second fiscal quarter after exit ¹⁵	60%	66%
Employed in the fourth fiscal quarter after exit ¹⁶	63%	65%
Job closely related to field of study ¹⁷	N/A	N/A ¹⁸
Median earnings in the second fiscal quarter after exit ¹⁹	\$7,044	\$9,134
Median change in earnings ²⁰	60%	31%
Attained a living wage ²¹	51%	50%

Top Employers and Work Locations

Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2017, the top five employers in San Diego County for this occupation were [Jiffy Lube](#), [Bridgestone/Firestone](#), [Pep Boys](#), [Nissan North American Incorporated](#) and [Penske](#) (Exhibit 9).

Exhibit 9: Top Employers in San Diego County for *Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics*

Top Employers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jiffy Lube • Bridgestone/Firestone • Pep Boys • Nissan North America Incorporated • Penske 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staples • AutoNation • Amsec, LLC • Oremor Automotive Group • Park Shore BMW

¹⁵ Among all exiters with a valid SSN, the percentage who were employed two quarters after exiting California Community Colleges.

¹⁶ Among exiting students with a valid SSN, the percentage who were employed four quarters after exiting California Community Colleges.

¹⁷ Among students who responded to the CTEOS, the percentage reporting employment in the same or similar field as their program of study.

¹⁸ Data for this metric has not been released for PY2014-15; however, in PY2013-14, the result was 81%.

¹⁹ Among exiting students, the median second-quarter earnings one year after the year in which they exited California Community Colleges.

²⁰ Among exiting students with a valid SSN, the percentage change in earnings one year before and one year after exiting. California Community Colleges

²¹ Among completers and skills-builders who exited, the proportion of students who attained a living wage.

Skills, Education and Certifications

Exhibit 10 indicates the educational attainment for the occupation found currently in the national labor force. The typical on-the-job training for this occupation is **short-term on-the-job training**. The typical entry-level education is a **postsecondary non-degree award**.²²

Exhibit 10: National Educational Attainment of Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics

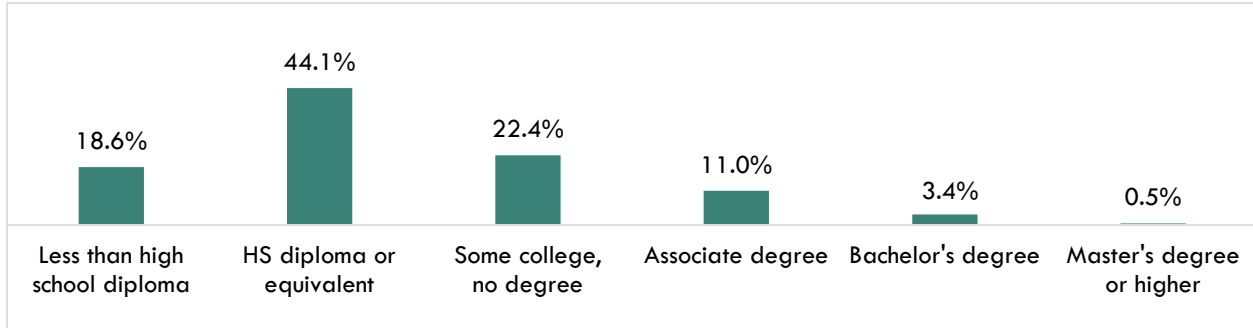


Exhibit 11 lists the top specialized, soft and software skills that appeared in online job postings between January 1, 2015 and November 30, 2017.

Exhibit 11: Top Skills for Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics in San Diego County²³

Specialized Skills	Soft Skills	Software Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair • Inspection • Hand Tools • Vehicle Inspection • Customer Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Demand • Communication Skills • Organizational Skills • Leadership • Troubleshooting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Vista • Microsoft Office • Microsoft Excel • Microsoft Word • Microsoft PowerPoint

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