

Health Care

OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND

In the greater Lemoore area, the health care occupation with the most employment and the greatest growth projection is registered nurses with 414 annual openings (Exhibit 16). This is followed by nursing assistants, 377 annual openings, medical assistants, 195 annual openings, and home health aides, 119 annual openings.

In the greater Lemoore area, the occupation of home health aides is projected to undergo massive growth, 81%, with 119 annual openings.

Exhibit 16. Health care employment in Lemoore

Occupation	2016 Jobs	5-Year Change	5-Year % Change	Annual Openings
Registered Nurses	4,854	743	15%	414
Nursing Assistants	2,324	420	18%	377
Medical Assistants	1,425	154	11%	195
Home Health Aides	364	295	81%	119
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,290	168	13%	113
Dental Assistants	672	55	8%	88
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	851	143	17%	73
Pharmacy Technicians	667	58	9%	58
Psychiatric Technicians	769	(48)	(6%)	55
Health Care Support Workers, All Other	255	24	9%	37
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	381	74	19%	36
Phlebotomists	196	32	16%	28
Pharmacy Aides	183	0	0%	26
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	310	39	13%	26
Radiologic Technologists	318	36	11%	24
Dental Hygienists	258	26	10%	21
Massage Therapists	142	19	13%	19
Surgical Technologists	171	28	16%	18
Respiratory Therapists	238	30	13%	18
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	161	31	19%	15
Physical Therapist Aides	101	17	17%	15
Medical Equipment Preparers	85	14	16%	14
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	135	27	20%	13
Physical Therapist Assistants	68	21	31%	13
Dietetic Technicians	121	12	10%	11
Psychiatric Aides	44	22	50%	11
Opticians, Dispensing	82	24	29%	10
Medical Transcriptionists	89	0	0%	10

WAGES

In the greater Lemoore area, seven occupations in the health care cluster have entry-level wages below the living wage for a single adult in Kings County, \$10.85/hour (Exhibit 17). The occupation of registered nurses pays the highest entry-level wage, \$28.01/hour, followed by dental hygienists, \$23.81/hour, and respiratory therapists, \$22.66/hour.

Exhibit 17. Health care wages in Lemoore

Occupation	Pct. 10 Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings
Registered Nurses	\$28.01	\$39.35
Dental Hygienists	\$23.81	\$38.52
Respiratory Therapists	\$22.66	\$33.71
Radiologic Technologists	\$22.66	\$35.45
Surgical Technologists	\$20.11	\$26.54
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.74	\$23.83
Psychiatric Technicians	\$19.53	\$27.50
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$17.87	\$28.31
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$16.18	\$39.60
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$14.57	\$22.08
Health Care Support Workers, All Other	\$14.44	\$20.42
Opticians, Dispensing	\$13.82	\$18.58
Medical Equipment Preparers	\$13.46	\$18.99
Phlebotomists	\$13.34	\$17.23
Pharmacy Technicians	\$12.44	\$17.27
Medical Transcriptionists	\$11.93	\$15.53
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$11.80	\$19.32
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	\$11.75	\$17.31
Dental Assistants	\$11.71	\$17.07
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	\$11.56	\$15.38
Psychiatric Aides	\$11.00	\$13.64
Medical Assistants	\$10.85	\$14.35
Physical Therapist Aides	\$10.84	\$13.65
Massage Therapists	\$10.50	\$12.89
Pharmacy Aides	\$10.50	\$12.69
Nursing Assistants	\$10.50	\$12.37
Dietetic Technicians	\$10.50	\$11.59
Home Health Aides	\$10.50	\$10.50

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT & WORK EXPERIENCE

All occupations analyzed in the health care cluster are relevant to community college education due to certification or credentialing requirements (Exhibit 18).

Exhibit 18. Health care educational attainment

Occupation	Typical Entry-Level Education	Work Experience Required	Typical On-The-Job Training	CPS
Respiratory Therapists	Associate degree	None	None	69.9%
Registered Nurses	Bachelor's degree	None	None	42.1%
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Bachelor's degree	None	None	36.2%
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	Associate degree	None	None	36.2%
Dental Hygienists	Associate degree	None	None	60.8%
Radiologic Technologists	Associate degree	None	None	66.1%
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	68.3%
Dietetic Technicians	Associate degree	None	None	56.4%
Pharmacy Technicians	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Moderate-term	56.4%
Psychiatric Technicians	Postsecondary nondegree award	Less than 5 years	Short-term	56.4%
Surgical Technologists	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	56.4%
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	74.1%
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	54.9%
Opticians, Dispensing	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Long-term	56.1%
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	High school diploma or equivalent	None	None	45.4%
Home Health Aides	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term	41.7%
Psychiatric Aides	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Short-term	41.7%
Nursing Assistants	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	41.7%
Physical Therapist Assistants	Associate degree	None	None	70.9%
Physical Therapist Aides	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Short-term	70.9%
Massage Therapists	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	54%

Occupation	Typical Entry-Level Education	Work Experience Required	Typical On-The-Job Training	CPS
Dental Assistants	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	58.3%
Medical Assistants	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	65%
Medical Equipment Preparers	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Moderate-term	38.1%
Medical Transcriptionists	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	60.9%
Pharmacy Aides	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Short-term	50.3%
Phlebotomists	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	61.1%
Health Care Support Workers, All Other	High school diploma or equivalent	None	None	38.1%

*The education level for registered nurses in California is an associate degree.