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Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists

(SOC Code : 39-5012)

in California

Provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May also apply makeup, dress wigs, perform hair removal, and provide nail and skin care services.

Employers are usually looking for candidates with Post secondary vocational training .

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Area	Year	Period	Hourly Mean	Hourly by Percentile		
				25th	Median	75th
California	2021	1st Qtr	\$18.43	\$13.49	\$14.99	\$19.11

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Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change		Total Job Openings
		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
California	2018 - 2028	66,200	70,600	4,400	6.7	89,570

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Cosmetologist	Department of Consumer Affairs Board of Barbering and Cosmetology http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov
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Industry Title	Number of Employers in State of California	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in State of California
Personal Care Services	48,623	51.7%
Motion Picture and Video Industries	4,122	1.4%

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Top Tasks (Specific duties and responsibilities of this job.)

Keep work stations clean and sanitize tools such as scissors and combs.

Cut, trim and shape hair or hairpieces, based on customers` instructions, hair type and facial features, using clippers, scissors, trimmers and razors.

Analyze patrons` hair and other physical features to determine and recommend beauty treatment or suggest hair styles.

Schedule client appointments.

Bleach, dye, or tint hair, using applicator or brush.

Update and maintain customer information records, such as beauty services provided.

Shampoo, rinse, condition and dry hair and scalp or hairpieces with water, liquid soap, or other solutions.

Operate cash registers to receive payments from patrons.

Demonstrate and sell hair care products and cosmetics.

Apply water, setting, straightening or waving solutions to hair and use curlers, rollers, hot combs and curling irons to press and curl hair.

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Top Skills used in this Job

Active Listening - Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Service Orientation - Actively looking for ways to help people.

Critical Thinking - Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Speaking - Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Judgment and Decision Making - Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Active Learning - Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.

Social Perceptiveness - Being aware of others` reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

Complex Problem Solving - Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.

Coordination - Adjusting actions in relation to others` actions.

Monitoring - Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

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Top Abilities (Attributes of the person that influence performance in this job.)

Near Vision - The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).

Arm-Hand Steadiness - The ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.

Manual Dexterity - The ability to quickly move your hand, your hand together with your arm, or your two hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble objects.

Finger Dexterity - The ability to make precisely coordinated movements of the fingers of one or both hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble very small objects.

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Top Work Values (Aspects of this job that create satisfaction.)

Relationships - Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Independence - Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

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Top Interests (The types of activities someone in this job would like.)

Artistic - Artistic occupations frequently involve working with forms, designs and patterns. They often require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

Enterprising - Enterprising occupations frequently involve starting up and carrying out projects. These occupations can involve leading people and making many decisions. Sometimes they require risk taking and often deal with business.

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