

# Dentists, General (Statewide)<sup>1</sup>



## Important tasks and related skills

- Examine teeth and gums using dental instruments, x-rays, and diagnostic equipment to evaluate dental health, diagnose diseases or abnormalities, and plan appropriate treatments
- Advise or instruct patients regarding preventive dental care and treatment of dental problems
- Treat exposure of pulp by capping, removing of pulp chamber using dental instruments
- Write prescriptions for antibiotics or other medications

## Projected Annual Job Openings per Year

Estimated Average Annual Job Openings Dentists, General			
Geographic Area (Estimated Year- Projected Year)	Jobs From Growth	Jobs Due to Net Replacements	Total Annual Job Openings
California (2012-2022)	110	350	470

Source: EDD/LMID [Projections of Employment by Occupation](#)

## Top Four Industries Employing Dentists

Industry Title	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in California
Offices of Dentists	64.6%
Offices of Physicians	2.8%
Outpatient Care Centers	2.2%
State Government	1.9%

Source: EDD/LMID [Staffing Patterns](#)

## Annual Median Wages

Geography	Median Hourly	Median Annually
Stanislaus County	\$43.76	\$91,014
East Bay Area	\$52.77	\$109,761
Ventura County	\$55.97	\$116,418
Sutter & Yuba Counties	\$58.28	\$121,244
Los Angeles County	\$62.08	\$129,125
Inland Empire Area	\$62.15	\$129,257
Imperial County	\$63.20	\$131,462
San Benito & Santa Clara Counties	\$63.28	\$131,624
Orange County	\$63.32	\$131,715
Merced County	\$64.35	\$133,850
Statewide	\$65.60	\$136,450
Tulare County	\$66.01	\$137,300
North Coast Region	\$67.03	\$139,414
San Joaquin County	\$69.71	\$144,999
Santa Barbara County	\$70.95	\$147,589
San Diego County	\$71.00	\$147,690
San Luis Obispo County	\$71.40	\$148,500
Fresno County	\$73.73	\$153,356
Northern Mountains Region	\$74.61	\$155,197
San Francisco Bay Area	\$77.78	\$161,783

Note: Only counties that have wages reported are listed.

## Projections of Employment

Estimated Employment and Projected Growth Dentists, General					
Geographic Area (Estimated Year- Projected Year)	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Additional Openings Due to Net Replacements
California (2012-2022)	14,400	15,600	1,200	8.3	3,500

Source: EDD/LMID [Projections of Employment by Occupation](#)

<sup>1</sup>Source of Data: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division Public Master File, June 2014. For the purposes of this Fact Sheet, currently licensed Dentists are defined as “renewed and current.”