

# California Registered Dental Assistants (Statewide)<sup>1</sup>

2014

Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) perform a variety of patient care, office, and laboratory duties. They work chairside as dentists examine and treat patients.

## Wages and Benefits

The median wage for RDAs in California is \$36,850 annually or \$17.71 hourly. The median is the point at which half of the workers earn more than \$36,850 annually and half earn less than \$36,850 annually.

Annual Wages for 2014	Low (25th percentile)	Median (50th percentile)	High (75th percentile)
California	\$30,149	\$36,850	\$45,727

Source: EDD/LMID [Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2014](#) Wages do not reflect self-employment.

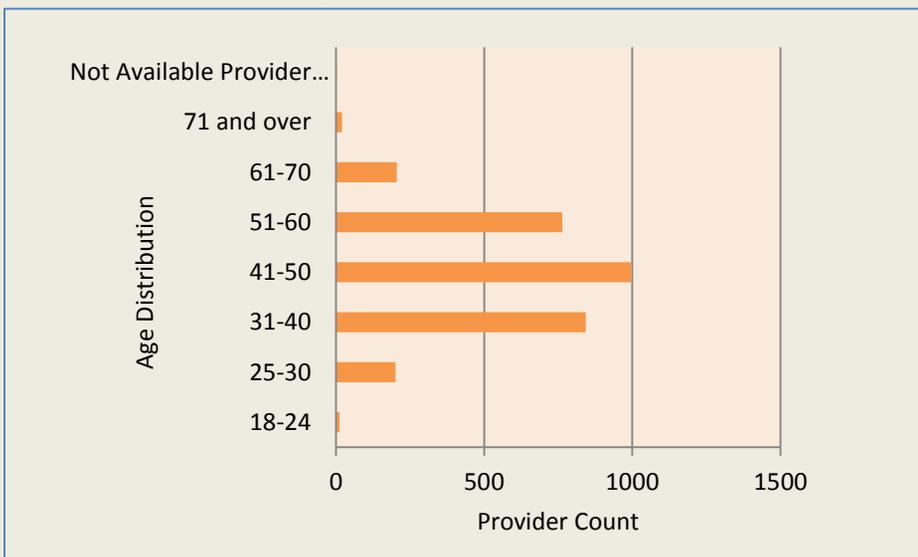
## Top 5 Specialties for RDAs (n=2,526)

Specialty	Provider Count
General Practice	1,590
Oral Radiology	378
Orthodontics	312
Pediatric Dentistry	170
Periodontics	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,526</b>

## Age Distribution

The table and graph below represents the age distribution per provider count for RDAs. Ages 41-50 have the highest provider count, following ages 31-40.

Age Distribution of RDAs (n=3,042)



## Top Four Industries Employing RDAs

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](#)

<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 RDAs are defined as 'renewed and current'.

