

Healthcare



Do you want to help save lives?

The Healthcare sector offers career opportunities that focus on assessing health problems and providing care to individuals with all types of care needs.

Top Occupations	How much will I earn per hour? (median wage)	Typical Education Needed
Nursing Assistants provide or assist with basic care or support under the direction of onsite licensed nursing staff. Perform duties such as monitoring of health status, feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, or ambulation of patients in a health or nursing facility.	\$18.36	Postsecondary
Physical Therapist Assistants assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with state laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, and document the progress of treatment.	\$37.25	Associate's
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors counsel and advise individuals with alcohol, tobacco, drug, or other problems, such as gambling and eating disorders. May counsel individuals, families, or groups or engage in prevention programs.	\$28.77	Bachelor's
Registered Nurses assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.	\$53.39	Associate's/ Bachelor's
Dental Hygienists administer oral hygiene care to patients. Assess patient oral hygiene problems or needs and maintain health records. Advise patients on oral health maintenance and disease prevention.	\$50.81	Associate's
Social and Human Service Assistants assist other social and human service providers in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services.	\$22.36	High School Diploma



Check out this video about the sector.

Total Jobs in Ventura County Today:
43,053

Number of Businesses:
2,619

New Jobs Added over the Next 5 Years:
5,039

Expected Job Growth over the Next 5 Years:
+11.3%

Share of Workers near Retirement Age:
27.0%



Top Businesses

- Ventura County Health Care Agency
- Community Memorial Health System
- Dignity Health
- Atria Senior Living
- Pacific Dental Services
- Kaiser
- Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.

Data from Lightcast, EDD, and O*NET 2023

Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism



Do you like people?

The Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism sector includes shopping, food service, lodging, and recreational planning, and careers often require strong communication, social, and organizational skills.

Top Occupations	How much will I earn per hour? (median wage)	Typical Education Needed
Chefs and Head Cooks direct and may participate in the preparation, seasoning, and cooking of salads, soups, fish, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foods. May plan and price menu items, order supplies, and keep records and accounts.	\$28.34	High School Diploma
Parking Attendants park vehicles or issue tickets for customers in a parking lot or garage. May park or tend vehicles in environments such as a car dealership or rental car facility. May collect fees.	\$18.10	No Formal Requirement
General and Operations Managers plan, direct, or coordinate the operations of public or private sector organizations, overseeing multiple departments or locations. Duties and responsibilities include formulating policies, managing daily operations, and planning.	\$47.36	Bachelor's
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners coordinate activities of staff, convention personnel, or clients to make arrangements for group meetings, events, or conventions.	\$24.65	Bachelor's
Food Service Managers plan, direct, or coordinate activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages.	\$26.87	High School Diploma
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers where technical or scientific knowledge is required in such areas as biology, engineering, chemistry, and electronics.	\$47.82	Bachelor's



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Total Jobs in Ventura County Today:

78,768

Number of Businesses:

5,356

New Jobs Added over the Next 5 Years:

4,494

Expected Job Growth over the Next 5 Years:

+5.8%

Share of Workers near Retirement Age:

21.0%



Data from Lightcast, EDD, and O*NET 2023

Top Businesses

- Starbucks
- Lowe's
- Superior Grocers
- Macy's
- Chili's Grill & Bar
- Target
- Red Robin

Advanced Manufacturing



Are you interested in creating new products?

The Advanced Manufacturing sector focuses on innovative, cutting-edge technology to improve upon or build new products and offers career opportunities suited to diverse interests.



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Top Occupations	How much will I earn per hour? (median wage)	Typical Education Needed
Maintenance and Repair Workers perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of a building in repair.	\$22.91	High School Diploma
Machinists set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments out of metal. Includes precision-instrument makers who fabricate, modify, or repair mechanical instruments.	\$23.92	High School Diploma
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians apply electrical and electronic theory and related knowledge to design, build, repair, adjust, and modify electrical components, circuitry, controls, and machinery.	\$46.63	Associate's
Marine Engineers and Naval Architects design, develop, and evaluate the operation of marine vessels, ship machinery, and related equipment, such as power-supply and propulsion systems.	\$58.23	Bachelor's
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers directly supervise and coordinate the activities of production and operating workers.	\$30.84	High School Diploma
Civil Engineers perform engineering duties in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of building structures and facilities.	\$46.92	Bachelor's

Total Jobs in Ventura County Today:

27,214

Number of Businesses:

947

New Jobs Added over the Next 5 Years:

1,049

Expected Job Growth over the Next 5 Years:

+3.9%

Share of Workers near Retirement Age:

30.1%



Top Businesses

- Northrop Grumman
- Parker Meggitt
- Eaton Corporation
- Skyworks Solutions, Inc.
- AeroVironment, Inc.
- Meissner Corporation

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Business and Entrepreneurship



Do you want to own your own business?

The Business and Entrepreneurship sector is key to driving innovation and new job growth, and businesses in any industry require people that have financial literacy, manage personnel, and sell products and professional services.



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Top Occupations	How much will I earn per hour? (median wage)	Typical Education Needed
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks compute, classify, and record numerical data to keep financial records complete. Perform any combination of routine calculating, posting, and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data for accounting records.	\$23.98	Some College
Accountants and Auditors examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit/evaluate statements prepared by others. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial data.	\$39.15	Bachelor's
Human Resources Assistants compile and keep personnel records. This includes data for each employee, such as address, earnings, absences, number of sales, supervisory reports, and reason for termination.	\$23.92	Associate's
Management Analysts conduct organizational studies and evaluations, design systems and procedures, conduct work simplification and measurement studies, and prepare operations and procedures manuals to assist management.	\$46.18	Bachelor's
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants perform routine administrative functions such as drafting correspondence, scheduling appointments, organizing/maintaining files, or providing information to callers.	\$22.60	High School Diploma
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists research conditions in local, regional, national, or online markets. Gather information to determine potential sales of a product or service, or plan a marketing or advertising campaign.	\$30.81	Bachelor's

Total Jobs in Ventura County Today:

65,677

Number of Businesses:

6,456

New Jobs Added over the Next 5 Years:

1,184

Expected Job Growth over the Next 5 Years:

+1.8%

Share of Workers near Retirement Age:

29.6%



Sample Local Associations & Business Resources

- Workforce Development Board of Ventura County
- SCORE Ventura County
- Women's Economic Ventures (WEV)
- Chambers of Commerce (multiple)
- Business Forward Ventura County
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) - EDC-VC

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Get connected to Training & Job Opportunities in this Sector:
workforce.venturacounty.gov

Agriculture, Water, and Environmental Technology



Are you passionate about the environment?

The Agriculture, Water, and Environmental Technologies sector is at the forefront of creating solutions to environmental challenges and adopting new technologies and sustainable practices in agriculture, animal care, and water systems.

Top Occupations	How much will I earn per hour? (median wage)	Typical Education Needed
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals.	\$22.91	Associate's
Tree Trimmers and Pruners use sophisticated climbing and rigging techniques to cut away dead or excess branches from trees or shrubs to maintain right-of-way for roads, sidewalks or utilities, or to improve appearance, health, and value of tree.	\$24.59	High School Diploma
Environmental Scientists and Specialists conduct research or perform investigation for the purpose of identifying, abating, or eliminating sources of pollutants or hazards that affect either the environment or public health.	\$45.83	Bachelor's
First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in landscaping or groundskeeping activities.	\$24.48	High School Diploma
Pest Control Workers apply or release chemical solutions or toxic gases and set traps to kill or remove pests and vermin that infest buildings and surrounding areas.	\$20.74	High School Diploma
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators operate or control an entire process or system of machines, often through the use of control boards, to transfer or treat water or wastewater.	\$37.56	High School Diploma



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Total Jobs in Ventura County Today:

31,225

Number of Businesses:

956

New Jobs Added over the Next 5 Years:

1,481

Expected Job Growth over the Next 5 Years:

+4.7%

Share of Workers near Retirement Age:

29.8%



Top Businesses

- BrightView
- Banfield Pet Hospital
- Ventura County
- AECOM
- Stantec
- Orkin
- Clark Pest Control

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Education and Human Development



Do you like helping people learn?

The Education and Human Development sector at its core emphasizes human relationships and careers that positively impact people's lives by helping them learn, grow, and reach their full potential.

Top Occupations	How much will I earn per hour? (median wage)	Typical Education Needed
Instructional Coordinators develop instructional material, coordinate educational content, and incorporate current technology into instruction in order to provide guidelines to educators and instructors for developing curricula and conducting courses.	\$39.56	Master's
Secondary School Teachers teach one or more subjects to students at the secondary school level.	\$45.73	Bachelor's
Elementary School Teachers teach academic and social skills to students at the elementary school level.	\$46.67	Bachelor's
Teaching Assistants assist faculty or other instructional staff by performing instructional support activities, such as developing teaching materials, leading discussion groups, preparing and giving examinations, and grading examinations or papers.	\$23.03	Bachelor's
Child, Family, and School Social Workers provide social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the family well-being and the academic functioning of children.	\$29.57	Bachelor's
Education Administrators plan, direct, or coordinate the academic, administrative, or auxiliary activities of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary schools.	\$61.62	Master's



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Total Jobs in Ventura County Today:

24,094

Number of Businesses:

6,134

New Jobs Added over the Next 5 Years:

3,388

Expected Job Growth over the Next 5 Years:

14.7%

Share of Workers near Retirement Age:

27.3%



Top Businesses

- Ventura County Community College District
- California Lutheran University
- KinderCare Education
- Stepping Stones
- Ventura Unified School District
- Center For Autism & Related Disorders
- Learning Care Group

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