



HEALTH CARE

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Health Care combines technology and empathy to help the public stay healthy or get well. It is one of the largest sectors in San Diego County; an estimated one in every eight jobs in the region is health services-related. This sector is also known to be “recession-proof” and stable as jobs grew during 2007–2009 when all other jobs in the region declined.

Sub-sectors:

- Hospitals
- Ambulatory Health Care Services
- Nursing and Long-Term Care

FAST FACTS



7,304
Businesses



139,344
People employed



19,105
5-year job growth



13.7%
5-year job growth rate



\$57,546
Average annual salary

Source: EMSI February 2016. Non-QCEW, QCEW, self-employed and extended proprietor employment data.

Top Five Occupations by Educational Attainment and Median Hourly Wages

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

- Home Health Aides **\$12.38**
- Receptionists and Information Clerks **\$14.88**
- Medical Secretaries **\$17.60**
- Billing Clerks **\$17.79**
- Office Supervisors **\$25.61**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

- Nursing Assistants **\$13.90**
- Physical Therapist Assistants **\$31.70**
- Radiologic Technologists **\$34.03**
- Respiratory Therapists **\$35.18**
- Dental Hygienists **\$42.84**

BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR ABOVE

- Dental Assistants **\$19.48**
- Health Care Social Workers **\$33.57**
- Laboratory Technologists **\$37.10**
- Registered Nurses **\$40.67**
- Physician Assistants **\$50.90**

KNOWLEDGE

- Medicine and Dentistry
- Education and Training
- Customer and Personal Service
- Public Safety and Security
- Therapy and Counseling

SKILLS

- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Service Orientation
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Coordination

ABILITIES

- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Problem-Solving
- Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension
- Speech Clarity

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Sample of Local Employers

COMPANY NAME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
UC San Diego Health System Est. 1966	Only academic health system in region; includes several facilities with focuses on cancer treatment, cardiovascular treatment, etc.	10,000+
Rady Children's Hospital Est. 1954	Nonprofit hospital providing comprehensive pediatric medical services; only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric health care and pediatric trauma	1,001 - 5,000
Kaiser Permanente Est. 1945	For profit integrated health care association with an emphasis on preventative care	10,000+
Sharp Health System Est. 1946	Nonprofit, integrated, regional health care system with both acute-care and specialty hospitals	10,000+
Scripps Health System Est. 1890	Nonprofit health care system with hospitals and outpatient facilities; also includes clinical research and medical education programs	10,000+

Source: LinkedIn May 2017.



How do I start my career in Health Care?

- **Volunteer to gain experience** — UCSD Health (health.ucsd.edu/about/volunteer/Pages/opportunities.aspx), Alvarado Hospital Medical Center (alvaradohospital.com/About-Us/Volunteer-Opportunities.aspx)
- **Find an internship** — Rady Children's Hospital San Diego (jobs.rchsd.org/internships), Family Health Centers of San Diego (fhcsd.org/volunteer-with-us), Sharp Healthcare (sharp.com/interns-fellows), CONNECT2Careers (C2CSD.org)
- **Further your education** — San Diego Continuing Education (sdce.edu/job-training/health-career-training), Healthcare Academy California (healthcareacademycalifornia.com), SDSU (ces.sdsu.edu/healthcare), UCSD (healthsciences.ucsd.edu/careers), Mesa College (sdmesa.edu/academics/academic-programs/medical-assisting.shtml), Miramar College (sdmiramar.edu/academics/pgms/BIOH)

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